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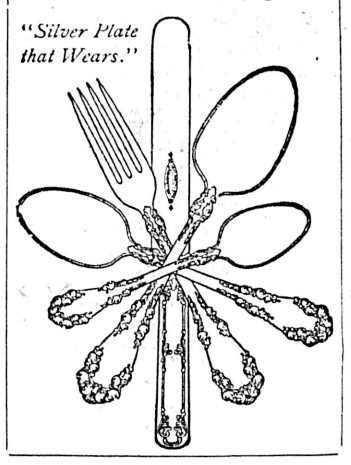

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NO DISTRESS SIGNALS WERE DISPLAYED

No Efforts Made by Those on the Steamer to Warn Passing Vessel of Dire Necessity of the Foundering Clallam.

Wreckage Found Transferred to U. S. Revenue Cutter by Steamer Maude and Was Beached---Another Body Found.

Yesterday the harvest of the dead was not so great as in the days preceding. One body was recovered. The steamer Maude, which was chartered by E. E. Blackwood, local agent of the Puget Sound Steamship Company, owners of the lost Clallam, found the corpse at Darcey island. The steamer Maude had been despatched to Darcey island, to recover the upper part of the Clallam, which the steamer Princess Beatrice had found ashore there. The Maude picked up the wreckage and was sighted by the steamer Charmer, on her way to Esquimalt with it. The Maude, however, is reported to have been unable to handle the wreckage, and it was turned over to the United States revenue cutter Grant. The Grant is reported to have left the wreckage at Sidney Spit, although no confirmatory advices to this effect can be secured from Sidney. The wreckage included the main deck, which was there intact, and had apparently been torn right away from the hull. One of the deck houses was found intact and the door was locked with a Yale padlock. However, the boys forced the door and on going in found that it had been a storeroom, for they threw out hams, bacon, biscuits and other food. On the upper deck were the empty davits, the capstan and other articles were there. The ice house was intact and was found to contain a quantity of meats and vegetables. The deck was rather light and rose and fell from the wash of the waves. Near the wreck was a large number of life belts floating about. Among the wreckage of the Clallam was found her house flag on the afterdeck.

Had the Maude not been intercepted by the Grant she would have arrived at Esquimalt early yesterday. As it was when the Grant came she turned over the wreckage to the revenue cutter and returned to Darcey island. There was little disposition on the return of the steamer to tell anything regarding the wreckage or particulars in regard to its location, etc. On returning to Darcey island the body of Col. W. Thompson was found.

At the coroner's inquest yesterday some remarkable details regarding the disaster were brought to light. Edward Lannen of Seattle, a survivor, swore that the steamer Clallam did not display any distress signals, nor was any attempt made on the part of those on board to attract the attention of a steamer which passed the foundering steamer about 4 o'clock on Friday, an hour after the women and children had been drowned. Capt. Roberts would not accede to the request of a number of passengers to put them on the tug Holyoke after the sinking steamer was picked up. During the terrible night the only light on the vessel was a lantern hung about half way up the foremast. The only other lights on board were four lanterns used by the bailers. In view of these facts and the fact that it is shown that Capt. Roberts could have had the tug tow the Clallam around Cattle point into the lee of San Juan and in comparative calm water in forty-five minutes at the most instead of allowing the tug to proceed on into the heavy seas on a three hours' tow to Port Townsend, the criticism of Capt. Roberts grows apace. It is by no means confined to Victoria. The Portland Oregonian voices the sentiment of that district, to this effect:

"It is always difficult to learn from the first excited reports of a calamity of this kind just where the blame may lie, but the fact that more than fifty lives have been lost by the breaking up of a steamer on a short run of forty miles on an inland sea, is evidence that some one has been guilty of ignorance, carelessness or a lack of judgment that is nothing short of criminal. Travelers who have made anything like frequent trips across that treacherous stretch of water between Port Townsend and Victoria have often encountered storms which even the experienced and hardy veterans on the route would admit were "close calls."

"All kinds of boats, good, bad and indifferent, have run on the route and a kindly Providence has seemingly watched over some of the cockleshells that have jeopardized the lives of passengers, ignorant of the risk they were assuming. Press dispatches inform us that the Clallam was a staunch new steamer, and the inference conveyed is that no craft afloat could stand the awful battering of the seas to which she was subjected. And yet the tug Richard Holyoke, a wooden craft built more than twenty-five years ago, steamed across the straits in that gale, and was enabled to render assistance which if properly directed would apparently have resulted in saving a greater number of lives. It is not customary or necessary to build passenger steamers for inland routes as strong as tugboats for ocean service. They should be built sufficiently strong, however, to prevent their being knocked to pieces by a gale before they are six months old, especially when that gale, serious as it was, did not prevent a twenty-five year old wooden tugboat getting a line aboard the doomed craft.

"An official investigation will probably fix the blame for the disaster, but it will not bring back the lives that have been sacrificed. Like the Iroquois theater disaster, which has hurriedly thrown safeguards around theater-goers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it may result in making travel on the Victoria route safer in the future. The storm which ended the brief career of the Clallam was apparently of sufficient severity to have tested the strength of a steel vessel with safety compartments, and in the future no craft should be permitted on the route that cannot face such storms without imperiling the lives of the passengers.

"Whatever blame may be attached to Captain Roberts for a possible error of judgment in taking an apparently poorly constructed vessel out into the teeth of such a gale, his conduct after the craft broke down was that of a brave man, and in striking contrast to that of the poltroon McIntyre, who abandoned the South Portland and her helpless passengers. In his efforts to save the ship Captain Roberts was seemingly aided by a well-disciplined crew."

Some of the rescued passengers have gone so far as to say that had not the officers of the ship been armed they might have been severely dealt with at the time of the launching of the small boats, says the Seattle Times.

The fact that the Clallam remained on top of the water for a period of ten hours after the small boats were sent away leads many to severely censure the captain. It is said that the second boat did not leave the ship until the first had capsized and spilled the people into the water.

It is also said that Capt. Roberts did not fly a signal of distress as he was approaching Victoria, as he should have done, and that he made a grievous mistake when he gave the captain of the Holyoke orders to tow them to Port Townsend instead of ordering him to throw the Clallam on the nearest beach.

Undoubtedly Capt. Roberts made mistakes on the eventful night of January 8th. That he did what his best judgment told him to do, however, is believed by many an old sea dog, some of whom retired years ago from a life upon the deep.

It is certain that the captain did not want to give up the ship. While the Alaska Steamship Company owns many boats, the Clallam was the only one built by them out of the money they had earned in the steamship business. The staunch little craft was the pet and pride of the entire fleet. Capt. Roberts himself is a large stockholder in the concern and was interested in more ways than one in the vessel.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Edward Lannen Says No Distress Signals Were Displayed.

The coroner's jury empanelled to enquire touching the deaths of the victims of the Clallam disaster, heard some remarkable statements from one of the survivors at the city hall yesterday. After the bodies had been formally identified, the coroner announced that Mr. C. H. Lugrin had been appointed to represent the Dominion government at the enquiry, and Mr. A. E. McPhillips would appear for the provincial government, both of whom would be present today. Edward Lannen, who identified the body of Mrs. Reynolds, with whom he was coming to Victoria, said the steamer arrived at Port Townsend at 11:30 and left at 12 noon. He noticed the weather was rough soon after Townsend was left. He had not been at sea before and became seasick. He went below about 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Reynolds was seasick. He got a stateroom for her. Fifteen minutes after, when he was attending to her, he heard noises in the ladies' cabin. Going in he saw life preservers being handed down. As he ran out, he said, "Good God, what's the matter?" Someone replied, "I don't know, but you'd better put on one of these." He went to Mrs. Reynolds with a life preserver and shortly after he went out on the deck and enquired. He was then told that the ship was sinking. He got a life preserver on and went to see that Mrs. Reynolds had hers on. Members of the crew then assured him that everything was all right. Fifteen minutes later the boats were lowered. They were launched about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Reynolds got in the first boat. There were twelve women and six men in that boat. I saw the customs officer in the boat and he seemed to be in charge, for he said, "Shove off." The boat sidled along the steamer's side to the bow, where it capsized. The boat was not overcrowded. There was a rush, but some of the crew threatened to kill the first man who got into the boats before the women, and the excitement quieted down. Only two of those in the boat could be seen after she turned over. One of these was a woman who was trying to grasp the bow of the boat. The second boat was lowered at the same time as the first. Witness could not see how many were in that boat. The third boat did not reach the water. A lot of men crowded in, but something went wrong and they were all spilled into the sea. The boat hung in the davits for some hours afterward, banging against the steamer as it rolled. It was afterward cut away. Shortly after the work of throwing cargo over commenced.

Bucket brigades were formed. Some of the party went into the engine room, then pretty full of water and standing on the grating passed out the buckets of water to others who threw the water out through ports. At the time of the launching land could not be seen from the Clallam. Water came in fast, witness did not know from where. It gained on the bailers, and after a time he was standing in water to his knees on the main deck, still bailing. Some were pumping. When it became dark the lights of Victoria could be seen and there was what seemed to be a lighthouse in sight. During this time the bailers were working in the light of four lanterns and another lantern had been placed on the foremast. No other signals of distress were displayed either then or before.

About 10 o'clock at night when witness was bailing he heard someone shout, "Here's a tug. We're saved now." Someone else remarked, "There's no need to do any more bailing." Captain Livingstone Thompson said, "Don't quit, boys, until we're sure of being safe." The bailers then continued their work. He could not say whether the water came in faster after

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BAD HABIT
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Korea in a State of Panic

Emperor Issues Pitiful Edicts on Probable Loss of the Nations Rights.

Russian Government Reported to Have Requisitioned Entire Volunteer Fleet.

Japanese Warship Reaches Suez Canal Along With Muscovite Cruisers

London, Jan. 14.—The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail cables a description of a state of panic which he says exists at the Royal Palace.

The Emperor has issued a pitiful edict stating that the country is likely to be lost owing to the weakness and vacillation of the people whom he counsels to act for the best in their own interests.

The Emperor has also issued an ordinance warning the army not to fire in the event of a collision between foreign troops. The correspondent adds that the entire city is extremely turbulent.

The Times' Moscow correspondent says he hears that the government has claimed the services of the entire volunteer fleet.

London, Jan. 13.—A despatch from Tokio to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Japan's answer to the last Russian note was handed this afternoon to Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, and that negotiations will be continued without any time limit set for their termination.

The demands which Japan is said to have made, according to reports published abroad, have caused some surprise in Tokio, according to the despatch, and it is now stated that Japan never asked for the evacuation of Manchuria, but on the contrary frankly recognized Russia's special interest there and her right to protect them. Japan only demanded the realization of Russia's voluntary pledges respecting China's territorial integrity in Manchuria and the freedom of residential rights and international trade therein.

Port Said, Egypt, Jan. 13.—The Japanese armored cruiser Kasaga, formerly the Moreno, bought at Genoa from Argentine, has arrived here.

The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived also. Later the Russian cruiser Demitri Donskoi and seven torpedo boat destroyers arrived. The cruiser entered the Suez canal, bound for the Far East. The torpedo boats will await the arrival of the remainder of the Russian squadron, which is expected shortly.

London, Jan. 13.—6:50 p. m.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press that up to the present time it has not received the slightest intimation regarding Japan's course in connection with the last note.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—Viceroy Taon has concluded a loan with a German firm for a million taels in order to purchase Krupp mountain guns.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

St. Catharines, Jan. 13—Mrs. L. Kottmeir, widow of the late W. H. Kottmeir, a well-known fruit grower, took carbolic acid in mistake yesterday and died last night after much suffering. She leaves five children, mostly grown up.

JAPAN IMPRESSES MORE TRANSPORTS

Three Large 'Frisco Liners are Required By Mikado's Government.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—A cablegram to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company today announced that the Japanese government had impressed into the transport service the three steamships of the Oriental Steamship Company, sailing between this city and the Far East. The vessels are the Nippon Maru, Hongkong Maru and the American Maru. They are fast boats, built in 1898, and have been under Japanese subsidy. A few months ago they passed government inspection.

The Nippon Maru and Hongkong Maru are each of 4,351 tonnage and the American Maru 5,340. The American is due here next Saturday and will be sent back when discharged. The Nippon Maru left here December 30th and the Hongkong Maru is now in Japanese waters.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN MANITOBA

Found Dead on Railway—Reciprocity in Law—Trailing Skirts Condemned.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—A man was discovered frozen to death at Hymer's on the Duluth extension out of Port Arthur, Monday. Coroner Brown has left to investigate.

Northwest benchers in session at Calgary have decided to admit United States advocates to practice under very strict rules. It carries also reciprocity with the other provinces and colonies as soon as these others were ready to grant the same privileges to the Territories. N. D. Beck, Edmonton, was elected president, E. L. Elwood, Moosomin, vice president, and C. H. Bell, Regina, was appointed secretary.

Three curling rinks from St. John, N. B., will attend the Winnipeg bonspiel, which opens early in February.

The annual report of the provincial board of health places the responsibility for the prevalence of typhoid fever at various points in the province to infection from the common house fly and trailing skirts. The movement to establish a consumptive sanatarium was endorsed.

George Patterson, Liberal, was nominated for the new constituency of Sougis. J. G. Turniff was nominated today as their candidate for Eastern Assiniboia by the Liberals.

MISS PARENT MARRIED.

Quebec, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Miss Evangeline Parent, daughter of Hon. S. N. Parent, Premier of Quebec, was married to Mr. Thomas Legris, of Bourbonnais, Ill., this morning at St. Sauveur church.

GENERAL MANAGER U. P. R. R.

Omaha, Jan. 13.—It has been decided that N. E. Buckingham, who for some time has occupied the position of superintendent of transportation of the Union Pacific railway, shall become general manger and will have the active control of the road on the retirement of President Horace Burt.

BALLOON MAKER DEAD.

Celebrated French Airship Builder Passes Away.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Prof. Henri Lachambre, the aeronaut and balloon constructor, is dead. Prof. Lachambre made the balloon in which his friend Andre started from Spitzenbergen July 1, 1897, on his journey to the North Pole and death.

FRENCH WARSHIP UNFIT.

Cruiser Sully, Ordered to Far East, Not Shipshape.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Figaro affirms that the cruiser Sully, which has been ordered to the Far East, is absolutely unfit to start. The paper says that the security of two of the heavy guns is doubtful; that one of the torpedo tubes is in a damaged condition and that there has been no time to furnish the detonators which are necessary for the melinite charges.

Detectives Work On Iroquois Fire

Doors and Draping Produced in Evidence Against Proprietors of Theatre.

Mayor Harrison Tells What Did Happen to Commissioners Report.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Evidence to be used against any persons held to be guilty by the grand jury has been obtained at the Iroquois theatre by three detectives of the state attorney's office. Eight doors and piece of drapery were removed from the ruins and hauled to the criminal court buildings. The last of the doors bore evidence of having been locked. They are burned on but one side and in a number of instances the doors were forced open and the locks broken. The door where the bodies of so many dead were found is among the pieces of evidence seized. Another piece of evidence is the drapery which concealed an exit on the first floor. Neither the door nor the drapery was burned.

Mayor Harrison was on the stand today in the Iroquois theatre fire inquest. He related the wanderings of the report submitted to him by Commissioner Williams, which described that none of the theatres in Chicago fully complied with the terms of the building ordinances. The report went to the council, to a sub-committee, back to the council and then to the printers. No action was taken up to the time of the fire. He said the building commissioner has not sufficient help.

William J. McAllister secretary of the building department, said no record was kept of the construction of any building save the reports of the inspectors. About a dozen of the stage hands employed in the theatre testified during the day, but their evidence did not differ from the stories that have already been published.

Permission was given the insurance adjusters today to visit the theatre.

VANCOUVER SCHOOLS UNSATISFACTORY

Inspector Roundly Condemns Management and Report Suppressed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 13.—The Province publishes a statement that School Inspector Allan S. Stewart made such an adverse report on the Vancouver schools and trustees, charging, among other things, that the trustees favored certain teachers, promoting inferior teachers over the heads of their superiors, that the trustees suppressed the report. Inspector Stewart is alleged to have stated in the report that unless a change was made in the management of affairs he would recommend to the government that it discontinue its grant to the Vancouver schools.

T. Wilcox, born in New Westminster, got one year in the County court today for rolling a man for $30 in the Golden Gate saloon.

Desire Brotheir, whose bank book shows a balance of $30,000, and who was arrested for systematically procuring girls from France, made a bolt for liberty at the Police station today. An officer jumped into an express rig and dashed after the prisoner on the gallop, while Magistrate Alexander and several others standing about joined in the chase. The prisoner fell from exhaustion after a long, hard run, and was captured.

Georgiana Hewittson 14 years old was arrested and committed for trial this morning charged with attempting to murder her mother. It is alleged she poured fifteen cents' worth of carbolic acid in the teapot before supper last night with the object of killing her mother. Bertha Robertson, charged with instigating the attempt to poison, was remanded Hewittson girl refusing to tehtify. Later in the day Georgiana Hewittson consented to give evidence. She exonerated Bertha Robertson and said she had lied to her mother. She swore she had not put the entire fifteen cents' worth of carbolic acid in the teapot. That she threw some away. Bertha Robertson was allowed to go.

Mr. William Burton, who is establishing a saw factory here, reports that he has made good progress. He has secured in subscriptions to stock $10,500, and has many promises of financial support.

The Chinese Empire Reform Association is holding its first annual session here today. Delegates are present from all parts of Canada. The by-laws and constitution were adopted today.

GHOST DID NOT WALK.

Turkish Soldiers Mutiny Because Pay Was Not Forthcoming.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—A serious mutiny broke out recently among the garrison of Van, in Turkish Armenia, owing to their pay being in arrears. About 500 armed soldiers plundered shops and attacked Armenians. The mutineers finally made an attack on the palace, from which the commander of the garrison fled over adjoining roofs.

Laurier and The Chinese

Premier Refuses to Join in Protest Against Chinese Labor In Transvaal.

Government Has No Knowledge of the Proposed German Negotiations.

Mr. Emmerson Will Join the Liberal Cabinet Today.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Premier Laurier has replied to Premier Seddon of New Zealand that the government of Canada must decline to join in the proposed protest of the colonies against the employment of Chinese in Transvaal gold mines on the ground that it is not the policy of the government of Canada to interfere in matters outside of the Dominion.

The Dominion government has had no information as to the statement in today's cables that Germany had applied to Great Britain for the appointment of commissioners to negotiate a trade treaty with Canada. It is not thought that negotiations have advanced taht far as yet.

At the Assize court Justice Falconbridge gave judgment for $500 in favor of Mrs. Ida Parker, who was suing the Ottawa Electric company for damages for the death of her son Russell, who was killed by a live wire in May last. The wire fell to the sidewalk and the little fellow picked it up and was instantly killed.

There was a three-hour meeting of the cabinet today, but it was announced at the close that only parish business had been transacted. It is learned that all copy for the auditor-general's report, which must be presented to parliament within twelve days of the opening of the session, is in the bureau, and that half the report is already printed. The government cannot use this, therefore, as an excuse for delaying the session.

The use of electric light has increased during the past year in Canada. According to the report of the officers carrying out the Electric Light Inspection Act, there were last year 324 plants in the Dominion with 14,780 arc lights and 1,212,201 incandescent lights. Taking the arc as equal to ten incandescent lights, the country had on the 30th of June last 1,360,661 lights in use; an increase of 236,265 lights, or over 21 per cent. growth since 1898, as follows: Establishments (1903), 324, increase 65; arc lights 14,780, increase 4,391; incandescent 1,212,801, increase 749,246; showing an increase of 42 per cent. in number of arc lights and 161.6 per cent. in the incandescents. British Columbia shows the largest proportional increase of any of the divisions of Canada, its increase of arcs being 377, or 82 per cent., and incandescents 64,297, or 257 per cent.

The Canadian Pacific has decided not to build in Ottawa, but it is stated a Toronto company is prepared to do so in conjunction with the Canada Atlantic railway.

Mr. Newlands, of Dawson, has been appointed judge of the territorial Supreme court in succession to Judge Richardson, resigned.

Mr. Newell, president of the Yukon & White Pass railway is in town.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson arrived here late tonight and will be sowrn in a member of the cabinet tomorrow.

STRANGE TRADEGY AT PORT FRANCES

Two Wood Choppers Victims of Murderous Attack By Unknown Parties.

Port Frances, Ont., Jan. 13.—A terrible tragedy took place at Frog creek, three miles north of here some time last evening, which is shrouded in mystery. Two men, William Watson and John Scott, were engaged last week to cut wood on the farm of one Jakes McKay and were allowed the use of a shanty on an adjoining claim. Mr. Dowker visited them on Sunday when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a gentleman named Cole passing by, heard the door shut and that is the last heard of the men.

This morning when Cole and another man, were passing by, they thought something was wrong, and going into the shanty, found it empty. On the floor they picked up a caseknife and whetstone covered with blood, and on examining the bed found it in the same condition. On searching near the house they found the body of Watson leaning against the stump dead with a gash in his throat and his head knocked in. A little further on they found Scott lying in the snow frozen stiff with no marks apparently on him. As Scott had been dead for some time, how Watson could have received such terrible wounds is a mystery.

Watson is said to be from Lanark county, Ontario, and is about 40 years of age and is supposed to have a wife and family. It is not known where Scott comes from. He was about 50 years of age and clean shaven. Both men were addicted to drink and had been hanging around here since New Year's. Dr. Mop, the coroner, called a jury and began an inquest this afternoon.

INSANE ACTION OF CROWD OF WORKERS

Press Against Elevator Gates on Sixth Floor and Eight Fall to Death.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—A crowd of employees pressing against the elevator gate tonight on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe Company at 11th street and Washington avenue, caused the gate to give way and ten persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead, and the other four seriously injured, were hurried to the City hospital. Two of the injured died after reaching there.

The employees were waiting for the elevator to take them down. The elevator was at the seventh floor, when those on the sixth floor, eager to be first into the cage, began to push forward, breaking the gate and sending ten persons down the shaft.

American Treaty Means Much

China's Contract Tantamout to Declaration of Manchurian Sovereignty.

Precisely What Japan Contends For and Are Russians Astounded.

London, Jan. 14.—All the morning papers have editorials which attach great importance to the ratification of the commercial treaties between the United States and China, and between Japan and China. The consensus of opinion in these editorials is that the ratification of the treaties implies an act of sovereignty by China equivalent to a declaration that Russia's occupation of Manchuria is only temporary and for specific purposes. The Morning Post says: "That is precisely the point for which Japan has been contending, and which Russia declined to discuss with her. Japan is now in the advantageous position of championing a cause which is also that of the United States."

Some importance is attached to an unusually long conference between Foreign Minister Landowne and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, last evening.

The Times' Pekin correspondent says: "Russia's position in Pekin is now a remarkable one, and the change in China's attitude is striking. Russia's wanton violation of all her pledges has finally undeceived China and thrown her into the arms of Japan, while Japan's preparations are complete and her intelligence service singularly active, Russia has not any. There is great confusion on the Manchurian railway owing to the difficulties at Lake Baikal, and few Russian troops have arrived in the Far East by land. Russia's military strength east of Lake Baikal is exaggerated by the European newspapers."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, and the special cablegram from other correspondents at the Russian capital say that the opinion is held that the ratification of the Japanese and American treaties come as a shock to the Russian Foreign Office.

The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says that Japan's last note is couched in most courteous language, but that it affirms absolutely and unequivocally Japan's inability to accept Russia's proposals, either as regards Korea or Manchuria.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Matin claims to be authoritatively informed that France and Great Britain are contemplating a joint offer of their good offices to Japan and Russia, which diplomats believe will probably be successful. The two powers will address themselves especially to Japan.

No action has yet been taken in the direction of mediation between Russia and Japan, but it is learned that the powers desirous of peace in the Far East are considering the desirability of such a step. Whether the proposed action will be joint or independent remains to be determined.

Thus far the representations which Great Britain has made to Japan, and which France has made to Russia has been separate, and not in the direction of mediation, but rather in the way of advice that sole pacific means be found for terminating the dispute.

It was stated positively today that no representations of a mediatory character had yet been submitted, nor was expected that anything of the kind would be done until after the contents of the Japanese reply to the latest Russian note had become known, but that there will then be an effort at mediation if the situation warrants.

There seems no doubt that a step will be permissable without giving offence to either disputant under the terms of The Hague convention, to which Japan, as well as Russia, was a signatory.

Pekin, Jan. 13.—The forecast of Russia's position regarding Manchuria cabled by the Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press January 11th, coincides with the information received by the foreign legations here and also strengthens the impression that a war is unavoidable. At the Japanese legation no effort is made to conceal the letion no effort is made to conceal the the situation is still Russia's refusal to admit the right of Japan to a voice in the settlement of Manchurian affairs. To sustain this point the Japanese government is determined to resort to arms if necessary. The maintenance of Chinese neutrality would banish the spectre of a Russian occupation of Pekin, which is greatly alarming the Chinese and causing some uneasiness at the legation, since in anticipation of the Russian approach the court would leave Pekin and the capital would be removed to the interior.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Allan line agents have received the following despatch from the headquarters of the Allan company in Glasgow:

"Make no more freight contracts at current rates. War inevitable and likely to be declared tomorrow."

The despatch adds that Japan is aflame to begin fighting, and that the entire country is aroused and ready for battle.

Other despatches received here late today show that Japan's attitude toward the Czar remains defiant, and that Russia is hastening preparations for war, which is now regarded as inevitable.

FRANK W. MACKAYE BETTER.

Boston, Jan. 13.—Frank W. MacKaye, formerly superintendent of the Eastern division of the Associated Press, who last week was taken dangerously ill at Windsor, Vermont, was brought to this city in a private car today and removed to a hospital. While his condition is still critical hope of his recovery is not abandoned.

ASKS PRISONERS' RELEASE.

Consul Requests That French Confidence Men Be Set at Liberty.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Thursday, Jan. 7.—The French minister to Hayti has made an amicable demand that the arrested French officials of the National Bank, charged with participation in the issuing of $200,000 in fraudulent securities early last year, be provisionally released, basing the request on the ground of humanity and the unhealthy condition of the prison. The government refused, saying that the laws prevented it. The negotiations were interrupted by the departure of President Nord and the ministers from Port au Prince. One French and four German cruisers are in port.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each

THE MATTER WITH HANNA.

Columbus, Jan. 13.—In the presence of the joint assembly of the members of the Ohio Senate and House, Lieut.-Governor Harding today declared Marcus A. Hanna re-elected United States Senator of Ohio for the term of six years, beginning March 4th, 1905. The two branches in separate session had given Hanna the largest majority ever given a senator from this state.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

Disappearance of Young Man Christmas Day Develops Into Murder.

Charleston, Jan. 13.—The body of Young Howell, who disappeared from his home in Columbus on Christmas Day and for whom such extensive searches have been made, was discovered by hunters yesterday. He had been murdered and th axe with which the deed was done was found near by. Howell went with a negro to cut holly bushes. The negro has since disappeared.

HARPING ON PANAMA.

Spirited Debate in U. S. Senate and Roosevelt Criticized by McCormack.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Panama was the principal subject of consideration in the United States Senate again today, and as on yesterday, the debate was spirited. Mr. McCormack opened the proceedings with a set speech in pointed criticism of the President's course, and was followed by Mr. Spooner, the only other speaker of the day in defence of the President, as law-abiding and in defence of the President himself as a "patriotic, brave and true man."

Mr. Tillman frequently interrupted Mr. Spooner, and there were a number of sharp encounters between them. When the Senate adjourned the Panama question was still under discussion, and it was announced the debate will be resumed tomorrow after the disposition of the postoffice department enquiry resolutions.

Before the Panama subject was taken up there was a brief, but lively, discussion between Messrs. Patterson and Scott of the labor troubles in Colorado.

PROCLAIM AMERICAN TREATY WITH CHINA

Two More Ports in Manchuria Thrown Open to World's Commerce.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Chinese treaty is now an accomplished fact, and it remains now only to proclaim it and appoint the necessary consuls at Mukden and Antung. The President has selected these consuls from men of experience already in the consular service. Their names will be sent to the Senate as soon as Congress makes provision for their salary, which the state department hopes will be done speedily. It is regarded as very desirable that such rights as the United States have acquired in Manchuria as to China shall be fully established and asserted in advance of any possible war that might affect that vast territory to the extent of a change of sovereignty.

A statement issued by the American state department today says with reference to the importance of the treaty: "It defines the rights and privileges of the diplomatic and consular officers and the American citizens, especially missionaries residing in China and insures the latter enjoyment of rights which they have only had in the past practically by toleration.

"Perhaps the provision of the treaty which interests most the public is the opening of two new localities in Manchuria to foreign trade, the city of Mukden and the town of Antung. It it noted in this connection that the Japanese and Chinese treaty secure also to international trade the opening of the port of Tatung Kou, about thirteen miles below Antung and at the mouth of the Yalu."

The statement goes on to say that the opening of these ports will do much towards the establishment of order and will powerfully contribute towards insuring the principles of the "open door," to which the United States stands irrevocably committed as administrative control over its Manchuria provinces.

PORTE ACCEPTS SCHEME.

Notifies Powers That Proposed Macedonian Reforms Are Approved.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—The Porte has notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian ambassadors of its full acceptance of the Macedonian reform scheme, and of its consent to the repatriation of the Macedonian refugees, promising amnesty to all the political prisoners, with the exception of users of dynamite. In conclusion the Porte draws attention to the armament of Bulgaria and urges that Bulgaria will not be permitted to nullify the work of reform.

ATLANTIC LINER DISABLED.

Steamer Noordland Reported Unmanageable During a Gale.

Portland, Jan. 13.—The steamer Cornishman, which arrived here today from Liverpool, reports that on January 3 she sighted the Red Star line steamer Noordland, Liverpool for Philadelphia, in a disabled condition. The Noordland was hove to during a gale and, displaying two red lights, signalled that she was unmanageable. Owing to heavy seas the Cornishman said that the Noordland appeared to be weathering the gale safely, and he believed she must have made temporary repairs. The Noordland sailed from Liverpool on December 30, and the Cornishman left port the day following.

New York, Jan. 13.—Steamers which arrived during the past few days have experienced severe gales nearly all the way across the Atlantic, and under the circumstances the Noordland is two days behind her schedule.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED.—Japanese Catarrh Cure. The Permanent Cure. Mr. J. L. Crow, contractor, Vancouver, B. C., writes: "I was a great sufferer of over 15 years, during which time I tried a score of doctors and many other remedies, but in each case it was only temporary relief. I used 6 boxes of Japanese Catarrh Cure which entirely cured me. I can recommend it with every confidence." It never fails to cure cold in the head in a night. Druggists 50 cents, 6 for $2.50 postpaid. The Griffiths & Macpherson Co., Limited, Toronto.

Uncle Jobe Wetherall melted a bullet out of his muzzle-loading squirrel rifle yesterday. Age 71.—Bridgeport, (Ind.) Bungstarter.

"My boy," said the venerable judge, addressing the young man who was charged with counterfeiting. "I am surprised and pained to see you here. Have you no regard for the dust of your ancestors?"

"My ancestors didn't leave me any dust, your honor," replied the irreverent youth. I've got to make my own dust. See?"—Chicago News.

Final Gathering Of the Campaign

Rousing Meeting at the City Hall is Held Last Evening.

School Trustee Candidates Did Not Get a Chance to Speak.

Last evening's meeting at the city hall was well attended, although there were many absent attending the meeting of the Agricultural Society. His Worship Mayor McCandless could not attend owing to this other meeting and Mr. Anton Henderson on motion took the chair. It was decided that the mayoralty candidates should have twenty minutes each and the aldermanic candidates ten minutes each.

ALDERMAN BARNARD.

was the first speaker. He said he had, during his terms as alderman, done his best for the city and considered he had not worked without results. He claimed, and he thought fairly, that it was what was due to an alderman who had served the city faithfully, to be elected mayor, all other things being equal. It was the way to get good men to run for the council, to promote one when he presented himself as a candidate for the higher honor.

He told of his work by which the sewers' rental loan was made possible. He said he had originally offered himself as a candidate for alderman with a view of getting the sewering of the city attended to. The success of the scheme was exemplified when the citizens considered the cost per mile as compared with the other loan.

The Dallas road retaining wall was a most important work. It had cost the last council $1,800, and he hoped that the next council, whoever was returned, would continue the work and in time have that beautiful driveway saved from the ravages of the sea.

The C. P. R. Hotel project was a most important matter, and if elected he would bring all his energy to bear in the filling in of the flats at once. If the dredge could not be obtained the city would have to do the work, and it would be no hardship as the assistance of the dredge had not been thought of when the original by-law was passed.

Regarding the isolation hospital Mr. Barnard said the matter of getting people to pay for their children when forced to take them to the hospital was often impossible. The Board of Health have tried a new scheme, viz., isolating the houses in which the sickness is in. By these means he thought $5,000 could easily be saved this year without endangering the health of the city.

The business license was also a most important matter and he told of the committee at present sitting in the East and he, if elected, should like to see the findings of this committee and he promised to do his best to remedy any unfairness that existed.

MR. C. E. REDFERN

said several gentlemen had been elected mayors of Victoria in the past who had never been aldermen. He had been both alderman and mayor, and with such experience asked the support of the citizens.

The most important matter to be faced was the filling of the James bay mud flats. The roadway should be at once completed and it was absolutely imperative to get the work in such shape that the railway company could start the hotel early in the spring.

He said the waterworks question was one of most vital importance and last year one of two schemes had to be adopted, viz., either put in a new main or stop the waste going on under the unmetered system. The meter system was adopted with the result that 80,000,000 gallons of water was saved last year.

He said he had worked unceasingly to get Fort street paved and had met with great opposition; but that it had been successful was evident as so much more had been done since.

With respect to the Terminal Railway, he would oppose the payment of a single dollar of the subsidy until that company put a perfectly safe sea boat on the run.

He did not believe in employing outsiders on municipal works and believed in day work, and should support that system of carrying out public works.

EX-ALD. HUMPHREYS.

said he thought the street work had been sadly neglected by the aldermen of Centre ward. He thought an alderman was elected to do more than go to a meeting every Monday night and vote blindly on any measure brought up. He proposed, if elected, to go through the city himself and see what was needed. The mayor generally claimed the credit of the work done, but it was he who had first brought the paving of Fort street up in the council.

H. E. LEVY.

said the most vital matter before the citizens was the retaining wall and the filling of the mud flats. With the single exception of Mr. Douglas, he represented more property than any man out for aldermanic honors. He had resided here since 1859 and had no axe to grind. He was against the payment of aldermen, the city had better aldermen before they were paid than now.

JOHN P. ELFORD.

said he, too, was impressed with the necessity of getting the mud flats filled The projected hotel meant population and money to the city. He complimented the late council on the progression of the sewering scheme and hoped the good work would continue until all the city was sewered and the old box drains jerked out.

He had opened streets and sewered them himself to improve his property and he thought if more people would offer to pay even half the cost they would find the council ready to meet them.

ALD. DINSDALE

said he felt proud that he had been a member of the only council which the press had not stated was the worst the city ever had. He thought a man who had served his apprenticeship in the council was a better man for alderman than a green man. He thought the city had as many irons in the fire as could be at present properly attended to. He hoped to see the city take over the Electric Railway within the next decade. He thought there should be a special committee for public works and then leakages could be brought home.

He was strongly in favor of the proposed permanent way at Rock bay. The present bridge had cost $10,000 and $2,000 per annum since for maintenance. The permanent way could be kept up for a very small sum annually.

B. S. ODDY

said he was an independent candidate. He was a business man and had lived here for fourteen years and asked those who did not know him to ask those who did of his record. He had not canvassed the ward and should not do so. He should, if elected, do the city business as though it was his own. If last year's council was a good one the voters should elect a better one this year.

He thought Birdcage walk should be continued for the tourist traffic, and if it was not soon started the right of way would cost far more than it would if done at once.

EX-ALD. BRAGG

He did not believe the late council had done what they might have done in filling in of the flats. A year ago the wall was built and really very little was done last year.

MAYOR McCANDLESS

stated that Mr. Bragg had not treated him fairly. He had stated a year ago that it would take at least two years to fill in the flats. The city had one year from the final passing of the bylaw to fill in the flats, and the city is not to fill in the site to be occupied by the hotel.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS

thought the streets were in a very bad state through inefficient drainage of the surface water. He thought the site of the Old Men's Home was a disgrace and to have the graves at the door of an institution of that sort was a thing that existed in no other city in the world.

EX-ALD BECKWITH

said he thought his record as an alderman would stand scrutiny. The ward system was so arranged in Victoria that a man elected as alderman for a particular ward should attend to that ward's needs more particularly. Still he thought the aldermen should have the interest of the whole city at heart. The North ward represents over three-sevenths of the area of the city and included all the new city limits. A great deal of new work is needed in these limits and the aldermen of the other wards should assist in seeing this ward was attended to.

He favored permanent works, it paid in the end.

Victoria West was a very important section and the North ward if divided would give this portion of the city fair play. The North ward should have a recreation ground and not have to travel to Beacon hill. He would, if elected, and funds permitted, support the purchase of such a ground in North ward.

WILLIAM WILSON

said he was out to better the sanitary condition of the city. The late council had not looked after the sanitary condition property because they had not torn up the filthy old box drains in the streets where the sewers had been laid. They were the cause of the filling up of the isolation hospital.

He said he thought some of the foremen of the public works were utterly incapable and instanced one case where the man in charge had his machinery break down twice within a short time.

At this juncture a fire alarm rang and the audience departed.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a most successful meeting to a close.

PATTI AND HER STAFF OF ARTISTS

Great Diva Has Fine Supporting Company For Vancouver Concert.

Madame Adelina Patti, the world-famed diva, who appears at the Vancouver opera house next Saturday evening, will be supported by the following: Miss Rosa Zamels, violinist; Mlle. Margoles, pianiste; Wilfrid Virgo, tenor; Ralph Cunningham, baritone; Unton Hegner, 'cellist; Signor Romualdo Sapio, conductor. Wilfrid Virgo, tenor, was one of the soloists in the musical festival conducted by Sir Alex. Mackenzie and C. A. E. Harris in Victoria some time ago. He created a very favorable impression.

The Louisville Herald classes Madame Adenna Patti as a multi-millionaire. Whether she is this or not she is certainly a very rich woman. Baron Alfred de Rothschild of London has, for many years, been an intimate friend of the prima donna, and he has so carefully and wisely invested her funds as to materially increase them. Though always living at a very expensive rate Patti has never spent much more than a tithe of her income.

Some newspapers reproach the singer for persisting in continuing to make large sums in spite of being already so rich. If this be a failing it is one she shares with other millionaires. It is not on record that Russell Sage, Rockefeller, Morgan, Gould, the Armours, Senator Clarke or the Astors have ceased their activities by reason of advancing age or because they have enough.

But Patti's stock in trade is of another description. It is the possession of an art in its supremest manifestation, which of necessity must die with her. Why deprive the world of this joy, while it is in its greatest degree of amplitude, for purely selfish reasons. It took five years to induce Patti to come back. Now she is here let us make the most of her and thank the gods that we have an opportunity of once more hearing this incomparable voice, the finest ever placed in human throat.

Besides unlike other millionaries, Patti does not take our money without our full and free consent.

If your hearth needs a little furbi hing up in the shape of a new fender, a set of brasses, or a new pair of fire dogs, see the magnificent selections that Weiler Bros. have just opened out. Some of the patterns are in Government street window.

Two young persons had consented for a consideration to stand on an elevated platform in the open air and be married in the presence of the immense crowd at a street fair.

After the ceremony was over their friends surrounded them.

"Wasn't it dreadfully embarrassing?" they were asked.

"Embarrassing?" echoed the bridegroom, with a broad grin. "I should say not. It relieved the embarrassment. We'd have been married a month ago if I'd money enough to pay a preacher."—Chicago Tribune.

WAS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

System was Run Down.

FELT DROWSY AND MISERABLE.

Burdock Blood Bitters

BUILT UP THE SYSTEM AND ADDED TEN POUNDS IN WEIGHT.

Mr. Ed. J. Harris, Newbridge, Ont., was in poor health, but has now been restored to full health and vigor. Here is what he writes us: "Last spring I was in a very critical condition, my system was all run down. I felt drowsy and miserable, and thought I would surely die if I did not get something to build me up. After reading one of your almanacs I decided to try Burdock Blood Bitters, and before I had taken two bottles I had gained ten pounds in weight, and am now in perfect health, and I can certainly recommend Burdock Blood Bitters to build up the system."

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS

Is the best Spring medicine on the market to-day. You may need one this Spring if so, get B.B.B.

Rent Building For the School

Retiring Board Takes Steps to Relieve Congestion at North Ward.

May Lease Structure on Corner of Douglas Street and Queen's Avenue.

There is every likelihood that the city will take over as temporary school quarters the large two-storey iron sheathed building situated on the southwest corner of Douglas street and Queen's avenue. The necessity of doing something to relieve the pressure of attendance on the North ward schools was brought up at the meeting of the school board last evening, and Superintendent Eaton was instructed to report as to what terms the above mentioned building could be secured. The superintendent explained that some drastic steps would have to be taken to relieve the pressure at the North Ward school, as now classes were occupying quarters in the building never intended as class rooms and very much unsuitable for the purpose.

Chairman Drury presided and there were present also Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Jay, Boggs and Hall.

The report of the finance committee recommending the payment of accounts amounting to $378.48 was adopted.

The building and grounds committee presented a recommendation that a fire escape be placed on the North Ward school building. This was referred to the incoming board for their favorable consideration.

Superintendent Eaton was instructed to arrange for the inauguration for a Saturday class of teachers to receive instruction in clay modelling and brush drawing by Mr. Binns on the same terms as prevailed last year.

Dealing with Mr. Binns' request for a rearrangement of the teachers of the manual training school, a resolution was passed informing Mr. Binns that the board considers it is not desirable to make any change as suggested at the present time.

This exhausting the business of the evening each member of the board felicitated Mr. Drury on the circumstance of his release from the humdrum of school board work and the latter made a suitable reply.

THE FIRES OF ECZEMA.

So keen is the suffering of many people who endure the stinging, itching sensations of Eczema that they speak of the skin as being on fire. By its soothing, healing, antiseptic influence, Dr. Chase's Ointment positively cures Eczema, Salt Rheum, and every form of itching skin disease. It is of inestimable value in every home, and when once introduced becomes a household necessity. Dr. Chase's Ointment is the standard the world over, and has no worthy rival.

"Fare," exclaimed the streetcar conductor, elbowing his way down the densely-packed aisle.

"I can't move my arms!" gasped the passenger at whom he was pointing. "But there's a man behind me that has his hand in my pocket. Please ask him to pay my fare!"—Chicago Tribune.

THE SOLAR PLEXUS

Is the largest nerve centre in the sympathic nervous system, is situated just back of the stomach, and supplies nervous energy, the vital force of the human body, to the stomach, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, etc. By creating nerve force Dr. Chase's Nerve Food directly aids the solar plexus in supplying the power which runs the machinery of digestion and so cures nervous dyspepsia, ness.

"Do you believe," queried the youth with the high collar and noisy tie, "that a man can marry and live comfortably on a salary of $600 a year?"

"He can," replied the scanty-haired philosopher, "providing he has saved his last year's salary and is able to draw the next year's in advance."—Chicago News.

For pimples, blotches, bad complexion, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take It has established this fact.

MARRIED.

PHILLIPS—FOWELL—On the 12th inst., at Holy Trinity church, North Saanich, by the Rev. F. Wimberly, Mr. Charles D. Phillips of Rochester, Kent, England, to Miss Florence M. Fowell, of North Saanich.

TOWNLEY—ASHWORTH — At Trinity Parish church, Seattle, Wash., on Tuesday, January 12th, by Rev. H. H. Gowen, rector, Charles Robert Townley, of Vancouver, to Alice, daughter of the late W. H. Ashforth, of Toronto.

DIED.

WYLLY—On the 11th instant, at No. 4 Young street, in the 82nd year of her age, Matilda F. M. Wylly, third daughter of Thomas B. Wylly, deceased, late Puisne Judge of Trinidad, West Indies.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at the Reformed Episcopal church at 2:30.

Friends please accept this intimation.

McKEE—On January 11th, at New Westminster, Sophia, only daughter of Hamilton McKee, of the B. C. Penitentiary staff, in the 17th year of her age.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a licensing court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the city of Victoria, and known as the International Hotel, to George Holder.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1904.
GEO. B. HOWARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for the transfer of the license now held by me, to George L. Jones, for the purpose of selling wines, spirits, beer, etc., on the premises known as the "Albion" Saloon, situated on the corner of Commercial Alley and Yates street, in this city.

JAMES McMANUS.
Dated Victoria, B. C., December 24th, 1903.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR STORES, ETC., FOR NAVAL WORKS, ESQUIMALT.

Separate tenders, sealed and properly endorsed, will be received until noon on January 30th, 1904, for the following supply and delivery of:

Lime.
Sand.
Gravel.
Dynamite, Detonators and Fuze.
Purchase of empty cement barrels (in bond.)
Horse and Cart Hire.

Specifications, condition of contract, and forms of tender may be obtained on written or personal application.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and they reserve to themselves the power of accepting any tender.

R. J. MULES,
Civil Engineer.
H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, January 14th, 1904.

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$10.50 Women's Jackets for $4.75 Each

Fawn Coats — Women's Three-Quarter Length Coats, in Fawn Kersey Cloth. Regular values $10.50. to $12.50 each. SALE PRICE ... $4.75

Tweed Coats — Women's Tweed Three-Quarter Length Semi-Fitting Coats, guaranteed this season's styles. Regular value $16.00. SALE PRICE ... $9.50

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The Annual Fall Exhibition

Victoria's Great Yearly Agricultural Exhibition Set For Early October.

Important Meeting of the Association is Held Last Evening.

Last evening in the committee room of the City hall the annual general meeting of the Victoria Agricultural Society was held, Mayor McCandless, the president, in the chair. There were present: Messrs. M. Baker, W. F. Norris, Watson Clarke, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., J. T. Higgins (florist), W. J. Hanna, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, J. W. Bolden, John Richards (Prevost Island), James Wilby, Frank Sear, W. Christie and Miss A. D. Cameron.

The secretary read the annual report of the executive committee, which was as follows:

Gentlemen,—At the annual meeting held during the week of the Exhibition, on the 9th of October last, resolutions were passed leaving to the board of management:

The deciding of the dates of the next Exhibition and the appointment of an executive committee of not more than nine, who shall have full power of management for the incoming year, three to be named by the Victoria city council.

The actions of this executive committee were ratified and confirmed.

The statement of receipts and expenditures and auditor's report have been published in the newspapers. It will not be necessary now to make any extended remarks in reference to it. We are very glad to say that all the liabilities incurred during the year were paid within a short time of the date of the holding of the Exhibition. The audited statement showed the total receipts to have been $12,324.00. It was unfortunate that the weather was not more propitious; if it had been we feel justified in stating that the association would have had a good cash balance. The subscription from the citizens amounted to $1,585.30. It was anticipated that more would have been received, but it is not to be wondered at when it is considered that collections were being made at the time for several other purposes.

The expenditure amounted to $12,988.22, the ordinary expenditures being $12,687.47, only $363.47 short of the receipts; expenditures on capital account, $269.00; expenditures for previous years, $31.75. Total, $12,988.22.

The city, since the statement was audited, donated the sum of $700.00 to cover this debit balance. This amount was the only sum received from the city for last year's Exhibition. We mention this fact as many were under the impression that there was an annual contribution of $1,000 as well.

We would suggest to the board of management the advisability of appointing a committee for the purposes of considering the constitution and bylaws, with the object of reporting such amendments as they may think necessary. There are many improvements which could be made and which require careful thought and time for investigation.

The following matters might be considered by such a committee:

1. The alterations necessary to provide for the management of the association by an executive.

2. The revision of the prize list by a number of committees rather than by one central committee. For example, the "division for horses" by those identified with that department; "poultry division" by poultry men; "art division" by artists, and so on.

3. The removing of stock before the closing of the exhibition. There was disappointment expressed by both prospective buyers of stock and visitors at the stock having left on Friday. Quite a large number of buyers from Sound points arrived, but found on Saturday that all the stock had been taken away.

4. The advisability of changing the date of the annual meeting. Although the holding of it during the week of the Exhibition assures a large attendance, it is inconvenient for those engaged in the active management of the Exhibition, their attendance very often being urgently required elsewhere. A better result might be obtained in holding an annual meeting at another time. The various districts of the province could be represented by delegates.

5. The consideration of membership qualifications.

6. A suggestion was made by Mr. Bullock, of Salt Spring Island, as to the advisability of exhibitors of stock stating on their entry form if such are for sale, and if so, the price. On a sale being effected the association to receive a commission. This, we understand, is carried out in most of the old country fairs and meets with success.

7. The admission of professional and amateur should be more clearly defined.

A number of suggestions have been brought to the attention of the executive which should be considered in the revision of the prize list, it would be inopportune to deal with them now.

The Main building requires repairing. On the day before the Exhibition opened a strong southerly wind was blowing with a heavy rain, causing some very serious leaks.

We are very glad to report that the Exhibition met with much favorable comment. Many of the exhibitors of stock particularly expressed themselves in very flattering terms, the sales of stock having been very large. This will undoubtedly advertise forthcoming fairs.

A number of the merchants and manufacturers who exhibited and had salesmen in attendance, reported the business they had done exceeded their expectations, and they considered the advertisement alone more than compensated them for their time, trouble and expense.

The Exhibition deserves the strong support of the business community of the city, as well as those who are benefited by Victoria's growth and progress. The Exhibition brings the manufacturers and merchants into closer touch with the people of the province, and consequently will greatly aid in increasing the trade of this place and its importance as a commercial centre of trade.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Mr. W. J. Hanna, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Mr. M. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanna, that the executive consist of five members, two to be elected by this body, the other three to consist of the mayor-elect and two gentlemen to be elected by the city council.

Voting for the two members of the executive then took place, three gentlemen being nominated, as follows: Messrs. Dr. Tolmie, Baker and Wilby. The voting resulted: Dr. Tolmie, 11; Mr. Baker, 10, and Mr. Wilby 6. Messrs. Tolmie and Baker were thereupon declared duly elected members of the executive for the ensuing year.

Mr. Baker said that he would like to see the annual Exhibition considerably earlier in the fall this year than formerly; at any rate before the New Westminster show. Putting the Exhibition off to so late a date told against the chances of success for the show, as the weather was very uncertain at that period.

This led to a general discussion, at the conclusion of which it was decided to hold the Exhibition of 1904 from October 4th to 8th, inclusive; this will fall in the week following the New Westminster exhibition.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert Leighton, secretary of the North Pacific Fair Association, notifying the secretary that the annual general meeting of the association would be held in the office of the "Rural Spirit," 8 Hamilton building, Portland, Ore., on Friday January 15th, and hoping the Victoria society would be represented. The secretary was asked to invite Mr. Leighton to represent the society.

On the suggestion of Mr. Helmcken, it was resolved that the mayor-elect, Mr. McCandless and Mr. Helmcken wait upon the government to ascertain their views regarding the annual donation of $3,000 made to the society, with a view to the obtaining of the same for 1904.

The meeting then adjourned to the call of the chair.

FUNERALS OF WRECK VICTIMS

The Late Capt. Livingston Thompson Borne to His Last Home.

The funeral of the late Captain Livingston Thompson took place yesterday afternoon. The cortege left his late residence at 3 o'clock. The band and a firing party from the Fifth Regiment preceded the gun carriage on which the coffin was placed, following, Sergt. R. O. Clarke, caretaker of the Drill hall, and an ex-member of the deceased's old regiment, the 11th Lancers, who led the horse of the deceased captain with his top boots and spurs turned wrong way in the stirrups. There were two sets of pallbearers, military and civilian. The military pallbearers were officers of the R. G. A. and the R. E. and the Fifth Regiment. Preceding the band the Loyal Orange lodge marched, and following the pallbearers were a large number of the Young Conservative Club, of which the deceased was an honored member of the executive.

The procession arrived at the cathedral about 3.30 o'clock, where a very impressive service was held, at which an immense congregation of sorrowing friends attended. The service was choral and was conducted by Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. W. Baugh Allen.

Deceased was district master of Vancouver Island, Division No. 2, Loyal Orange lodge, and W. Master Wallace conducted the service at the grave.

Capt. McConnan, adjutant, commanded the firing party.

The pallbearers were: Capt. W. H. Langley, Capt. R. L. Williams, R. A., Capt. W. Ridgway Wilson, Capt. B. H. T. Drake, Capt. Versturne Bunbury, R. E. and Capt. L. R. Popham, R. A. M. C.

The funeral was the largest held at Victoria for many years, and testified the sterling worth of the deceased and the high esteem in which he was held by the people of this city.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution of condolence was yesterday forwarded to the widow of the late Captain Livingston Thompson:

Loyal Orange Lodge, Victoria, B. C., January 12, 1904.

To the widow of our late Brother Captain Livingstone Thompson.

Whereas, in the recent sad disaster which has befallen our city and enshrouded it in the deepest gloom, our worthy and much esteemed brother, Captain Livingstone Thompson, was one of the victims claimed by the angry sea, and

Whereas, the intimate relation which he maintained to our order as district master and the ever faithful discharge of his duties in that capacity enabled us to appreciate his sterling worth, and now also, to realize our unspeakable loss, and

Whereas, the manly bearing, the consistent demeanor and the upright life of our lamented brother so won our respect and affection that we regard his death not only a loss to our association collectively, but more especially to us each individually.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to his sorrowing widow and relatives our heartfelt and sincerest sympathy, and express the hope that even so sad a loss may be overruled for good by Him, who doeth all things well; believing, as we do, that, he who in his young manhood fought so bravely in the defence of his Queen and country, and who through life every loyally supported that religion which is the foundation of our empire, and who to his dying hour remained true to his fellow man, has now gone to be with Him from whom alone cometh all such noble passions; and praying that, while human words and sympathy are all too meagre, the Divine Spirit may richly comfort and console her in these darkest hours of life.

Signed on behalf of District Lodge, No. 2, Vancouver island,

W. O. WALLACE District Secretary.

MRS. AND MISS GALLETLY.

Impressive Service Held at Christ Church Cathedral Yesterday.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the funeral of the wife and daughter of Mr. A. J. C. Galletly, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, took place. The service was held in Christ church cathedral, where the bodies had lain since recovery. The cathedral was filled with sympathizing friends of the deceased. The services were conducted by Bishop Perrin, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. E. G. Miller, rector of St. Barnabas'. The service at the cathedral was choral and all the clergymen attended to the last resting place in the cemetery.

The mourners were: Hon. Edgar Dewdney, H. V. Cronyon, Mr. Sweeney, Col. Holmes. The pallbearers were as follows: For Mrs. Galletly—George Gillespie, E. Crow Baker, S. A. Roberts, E. H. Fletcher, Col. A. W. Jones and D. H. MacDowall. For Miss Galletly—Lindley Crease, H. R. Beaven, Lieut. Knight, R. N., A. Gillespie, F. Pinder and T. Garnet.

FUNERAL OF N. P. SHAW.

Many Sorrowing Friends Attend Last Sad Rites at St. James'.

The funeral of the late N. P. Shaw took place from the family residence, Gorge road, yesterday afternoon. Religious services were held at the house by the Rev. J. H. Sweet and Rev. Dr. Rowe, and also at St. James' church in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends. The following gentlemen officiated as pallbearers: Capt. Buckholtz, Mr. E. E. Leason, Mr. G. A. Taylor, Mr. H. E. A. Courtney, Mr. E. E. Welsh and Mr. A. L. Belyea.

FUNERAL OF A. HUDSON.

Local Aerie of Eagles Conduct Fitting Ceremony.

The funeral of the late Archibald Hudson took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and was under the auspices of the local Aerie of Eagles. President Wachter, assisted by Chaplain H. J. Genke, conducted the services. A large number attended and beautiful floral emblems were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. Knight, of Port Townsend; C. Goodenough, H. Pettigrew, J. Russell, J. M. Hughes and F. G. Edwards.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of William Cherrett, a victim of the Clallam disaster, will take place today (Thursday) at 3 p.m., from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company.

The funeral of Miss Wylie will take place today (Thursday) at 2.15 from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, and at 2.30 from the Reformed Episcopal church. Rev. H. J. Woods will conduct the service.

The remains of the late E. Harry Joy, Bruno M. Lehman and Miss Minnie Murdoch were forwarded last evening to their friends by the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company.

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RÉFUSED UPPER BERTH.

Small Incident Which Caused N. P. Shaw to Meet Death at Sea.

Among the list of those lost in the Clallam disaster appears the name of N. P. Shaw, a wealthy shipowner of Victoria, B. C., says the Portland Oregonian. There is an interesting Portland end to the story of Mr. Shaw's death, which shows how small events may change the entire course of a human life.

Mr. Shaw was in Portland Thursday, and intended going from here to Sacramento, Cal. He went to the office of the Pullman company for the purpose of reserving a lower berth in the Southern Pacific train, southbound, but was told by W. H. Boot, the local manager, that he could get nothing but an upper. Rather than undergo the inconveniences of an upper berth Mr. Shaw told Mr. Boot that he would alter his plan and return home from here. He went north by the Northern Pacific and later took passage for Victoria on the ill-fated Clallam. Among the fifty odd persons who perished in the wreck he was one.

Had he taken an upper berth on a southbound sleeper last Thursday, in all probability he would be alive and well today. It was a melancholy trick which fate served him. By such small incidents are life and death determined.

SEARCH FOR WIFE.

E. E. Bolton, a Clallam Survivor, Arrives From Sound.

E. E. Bolton, whose bridal tour was interrupted by death, due to the wreck of the steamer Clallam, has arrived in Victoria in the hope that the body of his bride may be recovered. Mr. Bolton was prostrated when he arrived in Seattle Saturday and was taken at once to Providence hospital. He was on the verge of nervous collapse and required the attention of physicians.

Mr. Bolton comes from Alberta, B. C., and he and his bride were on their honeymoon. They were going to Victoria, intending to go from there to Vancouver, and return home by way of the Canadian Pacific. When the order went forth to put the women and children in the boats, Mrs. Bolton did not want to leave her husband, but was finally prevailed upon to do so. She left the Clallam in the first of the lifeboats launched and Mr. Bolton had to stand helplessly on the deck of the heaving steamer and see his bride go down to death.

He had to be restrained from throwing himself overboard after he saw his wife drown, and he raved like a man bereft of reason. He was very nervous at the hospital in Seattle Saturday night, but regained control of himself Sunday and was able to leave the hospital on Monday and came to Victoria to recover, if possible, the body of his wife.

LOST BRIDE-ELECT.

Ed. Lannen Intended to Marry Mrs. Reynolds on Arrival Here.

Ed. Lannen, who gave evidence at the coroner's inquest in regard to the identity of Mrs. Reynolds and particulars of the disaster, was to have been married to Mrs. Rynolds on arrival here on the Clallam. When returning from Seattle to this port on Monday, Mr. Lannen inquired at Port Townsend for the name of the mate of the tug Holyoke. He was told that Edw. Hickman, a former Port Townsend boy, was the man wanted. Lannen feels deeply grateful to Hickman as it was he who picked Lannen off a small door when the Clallam was sinking. Hickman was out in a lifeboat with one of the crew at the time. Lannen said he wanted to see Hickman and express his thanks personally and said he was anxious to give him a memento by which to remember him.

NOTES.

The very fact that no less a prominent person than Homer H. Swaney of this city was not included on the passenger list of the Clallam only goes to bear out the assertion that the exact death list will never be known. Unless a passenger secured a berth the chances are his name was not enrolled for the trip that resulted in so great a loss of life. The fact, too, that the names of babies and children are never included and the fact that there were many little ones in the three small boats that were sent away from the side of the sinking ship, goes to swell the awful total.

A Pittsburg despatch says Homer H. Swaney, one of the victims of the steamer Clallam wreck, was a former prominent iron and steel manufacturer of this district and was on his way to Victoria to complete the purchase of some iron mines in which a number of local capitalists were interested. About five years ago Swaney and a syndicate from here erected a plant at Irondale, near Port Townsend, Wash., and the company put up the first blast furnace on the Pacific coast.

The revenue cutter Grant reports having found much floating wreckage, most of it between Smith's Island and Iceberg Point, which she now has aboard. The articles found consist of two wire mattresses, two bucket racks, two doors, two chairs, two life-preservers and several other smaller articles. No trace of any of the bodies still missing was found. Capt. Tozier sent boats ashore and examined the entire coast between Iceberg Point and San Juan channel, also the shores of San Juan Island and the coast along the Rosario Strait. The boats were also sent ashore at various points among the islands.

A committee of the Victoria Board of Trade has waited on Capt. Troup regarding the placing of a steamer on the Puget Sound run, and although the interview was private, it is said that the committee offered to Capt. Troup on behalf of the C. P. R., the same inducements that were offered to the P. C. S. Co. if the company would place a steamer on the Sound route. Capt. Troup said that he was not inclined to take any unfair advantage of a rival company in its misfortune, but would give the matter his consideration and lay it before the head officials of his company.

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Vancouver, January 11th, 1904.

FOR ALDERMEN

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a large number of ratepayers I beg to offer myself for re-election as one of your representatives on the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming Municipal Election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

H. M. GRAHAME

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for the North Ward at the forthcoming election, and respectfully ask your vote and influence.

R. D. FINLAYSON.

Victoria, January 4th, 1904.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

In response to a numerously signed requisition I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for the above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

J. L. Beckwith.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

I am a candidate for the position of Alderman for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence, and if elected I promise to give close attention to the requirements of the city.

ED. BRAGG.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

After most urgent solicitation on the part of deputations composed of residents of North Ward, I offer myself as a candidate for municipal honors in the above Ward.

R. T. WILLIAMS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers I have decided to present myself again this year as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully ask your support and influence.

ROBT. DINSDALE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a representative deputation of the electors, I am a candidate for the Aldermanic Board, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

W. F. FULLERTON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election.

JOHN KINSMAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman for above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

A. STEWART.

Cor. Yates and Blanchard streets.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election.

H. E. LEVY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a large number of voters, I have decided to again become a candidate for election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

LAWRENCE GOODACRE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. HUMPHREY

103 Cadboro Bay Road.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman for the above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN P. ELFORD,

30 Cadboro Bay Road.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the solicitation of a number of Electors I announce myself as a candidate for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. PROUT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

B. S. ODDY.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

SOUTH WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:

At the request of a number of the Ratepayers, I have decided to stand for the above Ward, and respectfully request your support.

THORNTON FELL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

Fairfield road.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

THOS. I. WORTHINGTON

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election.

F. W. VINCENT.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of School Trustee, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

MARG'T JENKINS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I shall seek re-election as a School Trustee.

BEAUMONT BOGGS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I am a candidate for election as School Trustee. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

EDWARD A. LEWIS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Having been requested by a large number of the voters of this city to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in the forthcoming election, I respectfully request your vote and influence.

GEORGE J. COOK.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

I am a candidate for School Trustee at the forthcoming election on 14th inst., and respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

ROBERT ERSKINE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for School Trustee at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

J. W. BOLDEN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for School Trustee at the forthcoming elections, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Wm. McKAY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

At the solicitation of a large number of electors, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in the approaching municipal election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

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The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

CHAS. E. REDFERN

The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

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Dated 12th January, 1904.

S. PERRY MILLS, Solicitor for Executors, Victoria, B. C.

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THEIR MAJESTIES' SYMPATHY.

The following correspondence enclosing the message of sympathy from Their Majesties, King Edward and Queen Alexandra, for those who have been bereaved by the disaster to the steamship Clallam, will be deeply appreciated as an indication of the thoughtfulness and solicitude of Their Majesties for their people in the remotest parts of the Empire:

Government House, Victoria, B.C.
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1904.

The Editor of the Colonist,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command, to request that you will be good enough to publish the accompanying telegraphic correspondence expressive of the sympathy evinced by Their Majesties, the King and Queen, with the bereaved relatives of those lost in the recent disaster to the steamer Clallam; and of the reply of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in regard thereto.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. B. POWELL.

(Copy.)

Ottawa, 12th Jan., 1904.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor:

Am desired by His Excellency to transmit to Your Honor the following telegram, beginning:

Minto, Ottawa.—His Majesty has heard with much regret of great loss of life in shipping disaster in British Columbia, and desires you to convey to bereaved relatives expression of his own deep sympathy and that of Her Majesty the Queen.

London, Jan. 12th, 1904.

(Signed) LYTTELTON.

Message ends there.

(Signed) MAJOR MAUDE.

(Copy)

12th January, 1904.

His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Governor-General, Ottawa:

I have received your Excellency's message conveying the regret of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, at the sad loss of life in the wreck of the steamer Clallam, and their deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives, and I hope your Excellency will express to Their Majesties the feeling of sincere gratitude of the people of British Columbia for such kind interest in their misfortune. (Signed)

HENRI JOLY DE LOTBINIERE.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature is keeping down the business on the Order Paper, and with the steady attention to work that it is displaying, three weeks should see the end of the present session. From the resolution for granting Supply that the Finance Minister moved yesterday, it may be assumed that the Estimates will be presented in a day or two, and in that case the Budget should follow without much delay.

Yesterday some Bills of considerable importance passed their second reading. The new Elections Act was one of these, the debate on it having been adjourned on the previous day at the request of the Opposition. It says much for the care and wisdom with which the amendments to repair the defects in the existing act have been drawn by the Attorney-General, that after a day's consideration the Opposition allowed the second reading of the Bill to pass without any debate. It is also only proper to recognize the good sense and desire of the leader of the Opposition not to obstruct unnecessarily the business of the session, as shown in this and other instances by refraining from useless discussion or raising debates for the purpose of a little oratorical display.

Another important Bill that was advanced was the one dealing with the Supreme Court, and which, if carried in its present form and given effect to by the Dominion authorities, will remove some judicial grievances that have been felt in certain parts of the Province.

TODAY'S ELECTIONS.

Not for a number of years has a civic electoral campaign been conducted with so little excitement as on the present occasion. That fact does not, however, necessarily indicate that there is little interest being taken by the citizens in municipal matters. On the contrary, we are inclined to think that at no previous period in the history of Victoria has there been a keener or livelier interest taken in them or has there been a more intelligent realization of the importance to the city and to its inhabitants of a progressive and capable civic administration than at this time. It may not be inaccurate to regard some of the comparative quietude that characterized the present electoral campaign to the appreciation by the people of the good work that Mayor McCandless and the present Council have accomplished during the past year, and His Worship has received a recognition of this in the opinion so generally held that had he desired a second term he could have been re-elected without a contest. His occupancy of the civic chair has been marked by substantial progress in some important public works, and he has been fortunate in his opportunity of having been able to bring to a practical conclusion enterprises some of which had been suggested or planned by his predecessors in the Mayoralty. Mr. McCandless now retires with the satisfaction of knowing that his course in office has met with the general approval of his fellow-citizens.

The number of candidates—thirty-three for fourteen positions—shows that there is no lack of aspirants for civic offices. The two candidates for the Mayoralty have both records in municipal office on which they can appeal for consideration from the electors, and both are men in whose hands the interests of the City will be safeguarded. There is a good list of candidates for both the Council and the School Board, and the citizens should strive to make a wise selection. Two members of the Council who have done long and useful service are retiring, and it is to be hoped that their places will be equally well filled by their successors. Victoria cannot afford to stand still. In some respects the opportunities for growth and progress were never better than they are now, or the prospects brighter if those who are selected to manage civic affairs realize the possibilities and are zealous in the performance of their duties. By their choice today of their civic rulers the electors can do much for the interests of the City.

INTERCOLONIAL INTERFERENCE

The reply made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Mr. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand, in answer to the latter's suggestion that the different self-governing dependencies of the Empire should join in a protest against the employment of Chinese in the mines in the Transvaal, will meet with general approval in Canada. While Mr. Seddon's strong and hearty sentiment of Imperialism must commend itself to every loyal citizen of the Empire, his warmest friends are compelled to admit that he sometimes displays indiscretion in his expression of it. The present occasion is proof of this. To interfere in a matter of purely domestic concern in the Transvaal Colony would certainly be to initiate a course of intercolonial policy that might bring about most pernicious results, not merely to the particular colonies directly responsible for such a course, but to the interests of the whole Empire. Although the Transvaal is in the position of a Crown Colony and has not as yet been given full self-government, there is no reason to believe that the people of that Colony desire the interference of outsiders in the conduct of their affairs. While the question of the importation of Chinese to work in the mines has excited a good deal of controversy in the Transvaal, there is reason to believe that the preponderance of public opinion there is now in favor of that proposal. There has been the fullest discussion of the subject on the platform and in the press. The popular agitation that greeted the first mention of the proposal in a hostile spirit has almost entirely subsided under a better understanding of the matter and a fuller realization of the necessity in the interests of the whole community of a much larger supply of labor in the mines than can be secured in the shape of either white or native workers. Not only the progress of the Transvaal, but to a very great extent that of the whole of South Africa, depends on the extension and development of the mining industry, and that extension and development are impossible without an adequate supply of labor in the mines. The employment of white miners alone has been proved to be impracticable except in the case of a few of the richest mines, and even in these white men do not care to do the class of work in that climate that the native "boys" have been doing. The greater number of the mines are of comparatively low grade ore and great economy must be exercised to enable them to be worked at a profit. The experiment of working whites and natives together has been a failure and been objected to by the former, while under that system the natives became demoralized. It was hoped that more natives could be secured for the mines so that an ample supply of labor would be obtained, but after the efforts of a year it is found that this anticipation will not be realized. The introduction of either Indian or Chinese labor has come, therefore, to be regarded as a necessity. The Indian Government objects to the immigration into the Transvaal of its people under the restrictions that are proposed, and Chinese labor has come to be regarded as the only available means for the development of the mines in the Transvaal. The Government will exercise strict supervision over the matter. Contracts will be made with the Chinese for employment for a certain period, at the end of which they must be deported to China. They will not be permitted to engage in any commercial business or in any other occupation, so that they will not come into competition with white labor. As the employment of the whites depends to a very great extent on the development of the mines—since the mining industry is the backbone of the country's prosperity—the whole community is interested in that industry, and the perception of the real situation has led to the collapse of the agitation against the introduction of Chinese under the restrictions it is intended to impose.

So much for the facts of the case. But were they very different, the interference of Canada, New Zealand and other Colonies in the internal affairs of the Transvaal, would be most indiscreet and injudicious, not to say without any constitutional warrant. It is difficult to understand how Mr. Seddon could have supposed that the Canadian or other colonial Governments would entertain such a proposal, and we can only imagine that the Premier of New Zealand for the moment dreamed that the consolidation of the Empire, which we all look forward to as the goal of our Imperial sentiments, had been already achieved.

THE NEW MINISTER.

The rumor of Mr. Emmerson's entry into the Federal Cabinet has turned out to be correct. He has reached Ottawa in response to a summons from the Premier, and will be sworn in today. What portfolio he will have is not stated. And still British Columbia has only the name and not the reality!

We are officially requested to state that there was no sign of the slightest bruise on the body of Miss Galletly, and, therefore, that the accident related by Steward Watson must have happened to another of the unfortunate victims of the disaster.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

RE CLALLAM DISASTER.

Sir,—Does it not seem to you rather a peculiar thing that the Dominion government steamer Quadra should be out of commission just at a time of year when the roughest weather may be expected? Suppose a buoy should break loose from its moorings, or a beacon be washed away? Vessels must needs be navigated in these dangerous waters without these important aids and guide posts until such time as the government steamer can be got ready to replace them, and in the meantime ships may go to pieces on the unmarked rocks.

It would be unreasonable to expect the owners of private tugs to keep their craft idle in case they might be needed for any urgent reserve work, but surely the Dominion government can afford to keep one vessel ready the year round for such emergencies as that of "black" Friday last, or for any other that may at any time occur, and the Board of Trade might well press this matter forcibly upon them. I am sure you will insert this, if you think it as feasible a suggestion as it appears to

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Sir,—The attention of your readers has recently been invited to the question of limitation of age at which pupils should be educated at the public expense. The limit in Germany is 14 years of age, the period of early ambition, the period at which the boy is most anxious to learn, to put forth his energies, a pliable age, an age at which he may best be directed in his ultimate course in life. This is the best period for him to like an office or a factory, when he can best master the work put before him and gradually invest himself toward his own future advancement.

That there are in every community a percentage of bright boys of exceptional ambition, whose ultimate aim in life would be greatly assisted by higher education to better enable them to grapple with the problems of applied arts and sciences, and to enter the learned professions and it may be conceded to be in the public interest to place these advantages of higher education at the disposal of those receiving it at cost price. Section 43 of the School Act provides that the Board of Trustees "may, by resolution, declare that it is desirable that tuition fees should be paid in respect to pupils attending any High School situate within their limits, so as to make such High School self-supporting." The net cost here in Victoria is about $40 per pupil for the school year of 10 months.

There is a section of the community clamorous for anything and everything that can be got free of cost, free education to the most advanced standards, utterly regardless of its future usefulness to the recipient. These people are not infrequently members of some friendly society, some union or other organization, incorporated under the Benevolent Societies' Act, one of whose fundamental purposes is "the improvement and development of the mental, social and physical condition of young men and young women, and for the promotion of literature, science, or the fine arts, and the promotion and diffusion of knowledge." If these people are in earnest and believe in the necessity for educating their children in the higher branches of knowledge, let them provide scholarships of two years' duration in the High School for two or more of the sons and daughters of parents who are, or have been, members of their particular benefit society. It is clearly within the objects under which such societies were formed or incorporated, and the distributed cost would be a mere trifle and hardly perceptible. There are some twenty of these societies in Victoria, and the net cost of education would be about $40 per pupil for the school year of 10 months.

The municipality and the province might well make similar provision for a limited number of children whose "parents or guardians find it beyond their means to pay the tuition fees imposed by the Board." Such an arrangement might provide for, say one-third to one-half of those attending the High School; the balance to pay the same fees. This would relieve the burden on the ratepayers of some $6,000 per annum.

Another point to which attention should be directed. The present limits of education at the public expense is fixed by section 36 of the School Act, at 16 years of age, but at the present time there are over 70 pupils in the schools between 17 and 21, mostly in the High School, receiving education at the ratepayers' expense that cannot be estimated at less than $2,500 per annum, a distinct abuse which the municipality ought not to be called upon to pay.

I submit, therefore, that the policy of the ratepayers is to support only such trustees as will pledge themselves to limit the age at which pupils shall be educated at their expense to 14 years, and also to make the "High School more or less self-supporting," as provided under section 41 of the School Act. Some determined effort ought to be made to stem this ever-increasing demand on the public purse and if possible reduce it to bearable limits.

THOS. C. SORBY.

SOUND SERVICE.

Sir,—Several suggestions have been made in respect to an improved and safe Sound service. I will not criticize any of these. I will simply direct the attention of the public of Victoria to the fact that the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways derive a considerable amount of passenger and freight traffic from this city. Is it asking too much, under the circumstances, from either or both of these companies, to place on the route between Victoria and Seattle a steamer equal in safety and speed to that which is provided by the C. P. R. between this city and Vancouver? I think not. In any event the citizens of Victoria have the matter in their own hands, and if they do not insist on a competent service they simply deserve all that is coming or will come to them.

W. H.

OFFICIAL INSPECTION.

Sir,—In answer to "Sailor," in Tuesday's Times, I must thank him for his correction with regard to the Alpha. I find I was wrong. She was wrecked on account of an error on her captain's part. But I fail to see where he upsets my contention with regard to the Senator. It makes no difference whether she was surveyed here or at Chemainus. The fact remains that it was only owing to the desperate exertions of her crew and her being lumber laden that ever she reached the Sandwich Islands. One of her crew still sails out of this port and has a lively recollection of his experience on that voyage.

With regard to the sealing schooner. If she was not surveyed before leaving, subsequent events showed she ought to have been.

But all these are bygones, and my only motive in raking them over is to remind the public that events do not "happen" in this world without causes, and sometimes these are a long series of comparatively unimportant and apparently disconnected events extending over a number of years; and it seems to me that we can find the cause of our present wretched plight in the great apathy and carelessness of the general public and its representative bodies for many years past, with regard to maritime affairs, especially in the matter of the safe-guarding of human life. (Where trade and commerce was concerned that was another matter) and things have drifted on, till, finally, it was rendered possible for such a craft as the Clallam to carry passengers to and from this Canadian port, and then suddenly, the measure of our iniquity being filled, the cup is pressed to our lips to drink to the bitter dregs.

But that, too, has passed, and the important question to be answered now is, How many more Clallams have we with use? What is there to step in between the lives of our loved ones and the greed and rapacity of modern trade? No doubt government enquiries will be set on foot and an honest attempt will be made to fix the responsibility for the late horror on some one. But what about the immediate future; the public has absolutely no guarantee that tomorrow or the next day or next week a similar disaster will not occur, and still there is no sign that any attempt is being made to restore the confidence of the public in its own guardians. The official heavens are as brass.

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Local News.

No Court Today.—There will be no County court held today.

Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were $410,390.

Penmanship Class.—The penmanship class will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 7.30 this evening.

Rifle Association.—The annual general meeting of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., Rifle Association, will be held at the Drill hall on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

"A Fowl Injustice."—In the Colonist's report regarding the exhibition of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association, a typographical slip occurred in stating that the number of birds on exhibition was 100. The number is 600 and the best ever seen in this country.

Jubilee Singers.—Reserved seats for the concert to be given by the Fish Jubilee Singers, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., in the Methodist church on January 25th, can be now booked at the Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Government street.

Poultry Show.—The poultry show opened yesterday. Mr. Cobbeldick, of Oakland, Cal., judged the Plymouth rocks, Wyandotts and Bramahs in the afternoon, but had not handed in his rulings before this paper went to press. There are a large number of entries, one hundred more than last year.

Hockey Match Postponed. — The hockey match announced to take place on Saturday between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams has been postponed. Arrangements are being made to have the game played in a fortnight's time. The local eleven are training hard in preparation for the forthcoming struggle.

Basketball.—This evening the Y. M. C. A. and the James' Bay intermediate basketball teams will play a league game in the James' Bay hall at 8 o'clock. The following will represent the Y. M. C. A.: Guards, G. E. Moore and G. McCracken; centre, R. McDowell; forwards, W. E. Loveridge and A. Mulcahy; H. Mathews and Sommers, reserves.

Military Matters.—Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day, with the elimination of the various events as they occur. Thursday—Gymnastic night. Instructors will be present for fencing, boxing, horizontal bar, bayonet exercise; bugle band practice, 8 p.m. Friday—Target practice. Saturday—Band concert.

Crofton Smelter Booming.—The Crofton smelter has now a splendid supply of ore in sight. A contract has been made with Capt. John Irving, who is now in the North, for a supply from the Arctic Chief mine, near White Horse. The first shipment will arrive by the next steamer from the North. The contract is an open one, calling for all that may be supplied for a term of four years.

Re Life-saving Station.—R. Mowat, of Mowat & Wallace, makes a valuable suggestion about the establishment of a life-saving station on this Coast. He advocates that a station be established at Work Point, where men would always be on hand to man and keep it in a state of efficiency. Mr. Mowat's plan for equipping and operating the station was on the principle as adopted at the big life stations in the Old Country. He has written to Scotland for full information bearing on the subject, and in a short time it is hoped will be in a position to supply the data necessary.

Improving Lenora Railway.—It is announced that it is intended to increase the equipment of the railway from the Lenora mine to the Crofton smelter. The intention is to increase the equipment by returning the present engines employed and putting in their places two larger sized ones. The engines now on the line haul three cars of ore to the smelter. These may be returned to the company from which they were purchased and substituted with two larger locomotives. The new engines which the company contemplate purchasing will have a capacity of ten cars instead of three, so that the output of ore from the mines may be increased thereby.

Japs' Narrow Escape.—During a strong gale two Japanese fishermen had a narrow escape from drowning on Saturday last. Their boat was capsized near the north end of Galiano Island, but the occupants managed to climb onto the bottom. Their position was desperate indeed, the big waves threatening to engulf them every minute. Fortunately their peril was seen from shore and two men, named Harry Vallmers and John Shaw, courageously put out in their boat in the teeth of the gale and rescued the pair just in the nick of time. The fishermen were nearly exhausted when help arrived. They lost everything they possessed, including their boat.

Colfax Rebekah Officers.—Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., has installed the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G., Sister Taylor; V. G., Sister H. McChaill; secretary, Sister M. Riddell; treasurer, sister H. Carne; chaplain, Sister M. McAfee; R. S. N. G., Sister S. Freeman; L. S. N. G., Sister I. Meldrum; R. S. V. G., Sister E. Carse; warden, Sister M. A. Phillips; conductor, Sister L. Parsons; I. G., Sister G. Grant; O. G., Brother W. H. Huxtable; P. G., Sister A. Freeman. After the installation Brother Anton Henderson, grand representative, on behalf of the lodge, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the retiring officer, Sister A. Freeman with a past grand jewel for faithful services as noble grand.

Collegiate School. — The entrance scholarship for new day scholars has been gained by Berkeley Monteith.

Tenders for Abbey Palmer.—Tenders are being called for the repair of the barque Abbey Palmer, which put in here from sea in distress some months ago, and which now lies in Esquimalt.

Y. W. C. T. U. Meeting.—The regular weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. was held yesterday evening at the Refuge Home, when some necessary business was transacted.

Today.—When you go to the poll bear in mind that you have four votes for School Trustees. Mark one of them for Robert Mowat (of Mowat & Wallace the Yates street Grocers).

New J. B. A. A. Members.—The following were elected members of the J. B. A. A. at a meeting of the committee of management: J. B. Colbert, F. F. McKitrick, J. H. Batchelor, Walter Laing, Alex. Vaughan, S. Maclure, A. J. Kitts, Sydney Child, Thos. L. Grahame, Capt. Davidson, A. G. King, jr.

Resulted Fatally.—Robin Cross, the little boy, who, as told in a Colonist special yesterday was seriously injured at New Westminster, died shortly afterwards. The little fellow was a nephew of Mrs. Fred Adams of this city, and the latter went up to New Westminster last evening. With a companion Young Cross was going home from school when his right eye was pierced by the steel point of his companion's umbrella.

Had Nervous Collapse.—Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the noted preacher and social reformer of London, Eng., who recently lectured here, was unable to fill his engagement at the First Presbyterian church, at Tacoma. Rev. Mr. Pearse has suffered nervous collapse and will spend the remainder of his stay in America in complete rest. He preached three sermons in Seattle on Sunday and delivered a lecture Monday evening. After going to his room he found that he was in a state of nervous prostration, and he has resolved for the remainder of his visit to carry out his original plan of declining all invitations to speak in public while on this side of the Atlantic. It was for the purpose of obtaining complete rest that he left London, and his friends fear that he has already seriously overtaxed his energies. In his tabernacle in London he has been holding daily services for years, and his life has been a busy one. It is now thought that he will remain on the Sound for some time.

IN CHAMBERS.

Mr. Justice Martin presided in chambers yesterday, when the following cases were heard:

Harrison vs. McHugh; sign judgment tender. Stood over till today by consent.

Suka vs. Crow's Nest Pass Co., Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest Pass Co., Lamb vs. Crow's Nest Pas Co.; for further particulars. Stood over till today.

Estate of Henry Brackman, deceased; probate. Stood over for further consideration.

B. C. L. & I. Agency re Land Reg. Act; motion to allow plan of sub-division. Stood over till today.

FULL COURT.

Yesterday the appeal case, Centre Star vs. Rossland Western Mining Co., was argued before the Hon. the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Drake and Mr. Justice Martin. A. C. Galt for appellant and E. P. Davis, K. C., for respondent. Judgment reserved.

Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest Pass Co.; judgment reserved.

Christie vs. Fraser was being heard when the court rose. Mr. McCaul for respondent and Rogers and Robertson for appellant.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Interesting Exhibition Being Held at the City Market.

The third annual show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association was commenced yesterday at the City Market building. About 700 fowls are on exhibition. Harry H. Collier, editor of the Pacific Poultryman of Tacoma, (Wash., who arrived yesterday from Seattle, where he attended the Seattle poultry show, speaking of the show, said: "This show at the City Market building is much larger than that at Seattle. Several of the classes are much larger and better birds. The game class was about as fine a collection of birds as one would wish to see at a show of the kind. The white leghorns, which are well well represented, there being about seventy birds, are much admired. These birds compare well with those at any show which I have attended on the coast."

L. N. Cobbledick, of Oakland, Cal., who is placing the awards, judged in of the American class yesterday, and will have all the awards made by noon today. Mr. Cobbledick says that this show compares very favorably with that recently held at San Francisco, which was considered one of the best that has been held on the Pacific coast.

The exhibition is open to the public from 9 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night. A tombola prize of a pair of thoroughbred birds is given each night. All those attending participate in the tombola.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Resolution of Condolence at Clallam Disaster Passed Yesterday.

The monthly meeting of the British Columbia branch of the Navy League was held at the secretary's office, 38 Douglas street, yesterday afternoon, and amongst those present were: A. R. Fraser, sen., president; Captain E. Barkley, R. N., Sydney A. Roberts, Joseph Pierson, etc. On the meeting being called to order, it was decided to postpone the usual business and pass a resolution bearing upon the all-absorbing topic of the day, relative to the Clallam disaster, which was as follows:

"Be it unanimously resolved that, in view of the grievous calamity which has befallen our city in the loss of so many valuable lives through the wreck of the steamship Clallam, bringing gloom and sorrow to the homes of many of our fellow-citizens, and more especially in the doubly sad affliction which has visited our esteemed treasurer in consequence of the terrible disaster, this meeting resolves to adjourn, but before doing so specially wishes to put on record that the British Columbia branch of the Navy League desires to tender its deep sympathy to all those who have suffered the loss of relatives and friends, and especially to Mr. A. J. C. Galletly, its first and only treasurer, in the very painful bereavement which he has sustained in the loss of his beloved wife and daughter; and, hearing of his personal indisposition, would express the hope that he may be upheld and speedily restored to good health and wonted activities.

"Be it also resolved tht a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mr. Galletly, and further, that a copy be sent to the press."

The meeting then adjourned, to meet again on the 10th of February.

R. T. Williams is a candidate for alderman, and will use every possible means, if elected, to aid in the building up of North Ward, which is the largest and most important part of our municipality. As a large property holder in the northern part of the city, I am interested in the prosperity of that section.

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Voting Today In Civic Election

Quietest Municipal Campaign in History of City Closed Yesterday.

Huge List of Candidates For Aldermen and School Trustees.

The quietest municipal campaign in the history of Victoria for a period of twenty years at least, came to a close yesterday evening with the mass meeting of electors in the City hall, a report of which appears in another column. While the apathy shown in the contest is due no doubt, to a large extent, to interest centering almost entirely in the dreadful Clallam disaster, yet the campaign would otherwise, it is believed, have proved an unusually quiet one. There were no exciting issues before the electors, and the platforms of the two mayoralty candidates do not materially differ. The contest for mayor will be decided mainly on the personality of the candidates—Ald. G. H. Barnard and Mr. C. E. Redfern.

The number of ballot papers which have been printed eclipses all records. Returning Officer Northcott explained yesterday that no less than 11,500 ballot papers were to be utilized—this being in excess of previous years. Mr. Northcott has made every preparation for the speedy recording of the vote, and all his arrangements will, as usual, be found faultless.

All told there are thirty-three candidates in the field, and fourteen positions to be filled. North Ward has eight, South Ward seven and Central Ward five, while there are eleven aspirants to the four vacant positions on the school board. Since the last local announcements were made by the Colonist several more candidates have declared themselves. These are R. T. Williams and Ed. Bragg, municipal veterans, who are out for North Ward for aldermen, and W. G. Eden and Robert Erskine, who will try to get on the school board.

The poll will be opened at 9 o'clock in themorning and balloting will be continued amtil 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The polling places will be as follows: For mayor and school trustees, court room, City hall; for aldermen, Market building. Following are the candidates:

FOR MAYOR.

George Henry Barnard and Charles Edward Redfern.

FOR ALDERMEN.

South Ward—William Prout, Francis W. Vincent, Benjamin S. Oddy, William Wilson, Thomas Irwin Worthington, James Andrew Douglas and Thornton Fell.

Central Ward—Wm. Humphrey, Alex. Stewart, Lawrence Goodacre, John Pitcairn Elford, E. Henry Levy.

North Ward—R. Finlayson, Robert Dinsdale, Wm. Francis Fullerton, Harry McA. Grahame, John Kinsman, Robert Taylor Williams, John L. Beckwith and Ed. Bragg.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Edward A. Lewis, Robt. Mowat, Peter John Riddell, David Sprague, John W. Bolden, Margaret Jenkins, Wm. McKay, Wm. G. Eden, Robt. Erskine, Beaumont Boggs and Geo. J. Cook.

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Improvements of an Important Character Going on at Yates St. Playhouse.

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The work is being done from plans drawn by Architect F. M. Rattenbury, and is in the hands of Contractor R. McCrimmon. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of $1,200.

An inspection of the plans shows that the new front which will be put in is to be of ornamental design, with three main exits opening outwards—one in the centre leading from the gallery, and one on either side leading from the auditorium.

An inclined floor is to replace the old flat floor, with wide aisles and good seating accommodation. The stage itself has been moved back a distance of fifteen feet, and at the front of the stage a brick wall is to enclose it, except for the curtain space. It is understood that an iron or asbestos curtain is to be used, so as to complete the fire-resisting capabilities of the stage and its equipment. To the right of the stage there is an exit leading to an alley, and another exit also leading from the back of the stage.

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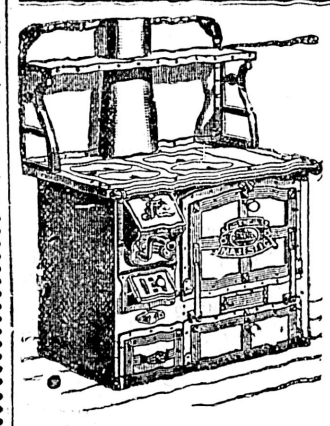

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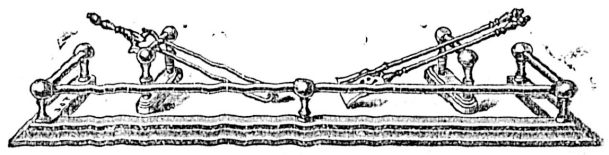

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Investigation of Immigration Act

Deputy Provincial Secretary Says No Instructions Were Issued By Him.

Deputy Attorney General Says Act is Not Really Effective.

The select committee appointed to enquire into the workings of the Immigration Act 1903 met again yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

A. Campbell-Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, was recalled, and said he had examined the files in his office and could find no instructions. He had found notice of the appointment of W. H. Ellis for Vancouver island and Mr. McAllister for Vancouver city. Documents produced. The department had received a letter from the Japanese consul asking that the same privileges shown his predecessor should be shown him in the way of exempting certain classes from the working of the act. Letter read. These classes included merchants, students, travelers, persons domiciled in Canada and returning to the country, and wives and families joining their husbands. A letter was sent to him agreeing to this.

Witness said he would produce the correspondence with the previous consul.

Deputy Attorney-General McLean was the next witness. He identified the draft from of the declaration used for allowing travelers to land under the Immigration Act of 1901. He drew it up for Mr. Ellis. Witness did not consult his chief in the matter. The difficulty had arisen on account of the immigration officers not knowing what to do with travelers from Japan. Witness did not think the act could be made to exclude these, many of whom produced passports. He had advised that all that could be done was to make out a declaration form and get these men to sign it, hence the printing of the form.

Mr. Oliver asked if the act of 1900 had a clause which permitted the preparation of such a declaration.

Witness said there was none, it had been prepared as a matter of convenience. He did not think it was unreasonable. The form of declaration was prepared so as to provide a test whether or not an immigrant was a traveler.

Replying to Mr. Henderson witness said that the act had never been very fully enforced, because of its repeated disallowance by the Dominion government. This declaration furnished the necessary proof whether or not the man coming in had made proper representations that he was a bona fide traveler. He did not prepare the form to get rid of Mr. Ellis for the time.

Replying to Mr. Oliver witness thought the provincial secretary was given power under the act to exempt classes and not individuals.

Replying to Chairman Bowser, witness said that this was the only way in which the officers could proceed. They could not deport the immigrants back on the ship.

Replying to Mr. Oliver witness said he thought it would require a new section in the act which would make it an offence if the Japanese refused to make a declaration. Travelers were not immigrants, and no regulation was required to show this. The declaration was not required by the act. It was, however, a convenience in the enforcing of the act. The onus of proof would rest with the immigration officer to prove the Jap was not a bona fide traveler.

Witness said a justice of the peace having that declaration made and charging two dollars was not a fraud, if the Japanese were willing to pay. The act to be really effective would require the power of deportation. It was not altogether worthless, however, as it had deterred some from entering.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

Jack Williams, the well-known truckman, has been kept busy for several days hauling new goods to Messrs. Weiler Bros. These large importers are taking time by the forelock this season and getting their wares in early—15 crates of English Earthenware, 12 barrels of American Metal Goods, 15 cases Domestic Machinery, several immense packages of Brass Goods from that interesting place, Birmingham, England, and 10 large cases of European Glass and China. One shipment of 144 Mattresses failed to arrive—they went down on the ill-fated Clallam. *

Wreck of the CLALLAM

Story of the foundering of the ill-fated Puget Sound Ferry told by survivors, portraits of the Victoria victims of the disaster, cut of the steamer and chart, showing scene of the wreck.

Extra Edition of THE COLONIST

To be Issued To-morrow, Friday,

This will be a complete account of the disaster, and will include all that matter referring to the subject which has appeared in THE COLONIST, including the letter of sympathy from Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

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JAPAN'S SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Local Japanese Feel Confident the Mikado's Forces are All Right.

In conversation with a local Japanese merchant yesterday, a Colonist reporter learned some interesting facts concerning the military equipment of the island empire. The local merchant is a short but muscular and sturdy man, yet he assured the scribe that he was physically unfit for military service in the army of the Mikado, being too short. The average height of the Japanese linesman is five feet eight inches, and the chest measurement minimum is 36 inches. The average is much nearer forty inches.

The discipline is that of the German army; the men march, climb, run, jump, swim, throw up entrenchments and do other strenuous things in heavy marching order, and such a thing as a man falling out from exhaustion is literally unknown. It is an army of athletes. Almost without exception the soldiers, from colonel to sutler, are wrestlers; and the display of brawn and sinew when the men are at their morning ablutions, stripped to the waist, would put to shame any soldier in Europe, save perhaps, the Russian or north German. Their mobility is extraordinary, and often a Japanese regiment is put at a task of shifting its ground quickly that would not only appall an ordinary European or American regiment, but would most certainly result in scores of "fall outs," possibly many casualties, if attempted by them.

Some military critics who have seen the Japanese manoeuvres lately, declare that there is nothing in the world to compare with the Japanese infantry for discipline, mobility, endurance and all-round campaigning qualities. Over and above that every regiment is imbued with a wonderful patriotism that is a most important factor. The Chinese campaign with the allies showed that the Japanese soldier, with his blood up and at close quarters, is a demon. No Japanese spoken to here seem to doubt for an instant that the Japanese army will do anything but go through the Russian battalions like a hot knife in a skin of lard.

They are also very proud of their navy, and claim that they possess now gunners who cannot be beaten for accuracy. The amount of practice done by the Japanese fleets is amazing; they are always at it; day manoeuvres, night attacks, landing and embarking under fire, practicing signals by night and day and training the men in small arm and heavy gun work. The efficiency of both arms of the service, and also that of the transport, medical, commissariat and engineer services, is said to be fully up to the most exacting European standards.

Local News.

Chimney Fire.—The fire department was called to Chinatown last night as a result of a chimney fire at a Chinese store.

Bearing Fruit.—In Mowat & Wallace's window there was displayed yesterday a strawberry plant full of berries, from which Mr. Robert Clark, of Saanich, picked ripe fruit on Saturday last.

Time to Vote.—To give those who have to travel over the E. & N. railway today, a chance to register their votes before leaving the city, the morning train will not leave until 9.15.

Burial Today.—The funeral of the late Henry Tingley will take place this morning at 8:45 from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., and at 9 o'clock from the R. C. Cathedral.

"Lost River."—Jules Murray's beautiful melodrama, "Lost River," a pastoral love story direct from a phenomenal success in New York, will open for a one-night engagement in the Victoria on Monday next.

Naval Supplies.—R. J. Mules, civil engineer, is calling for tenders, up to January 30 next, for the delivery of supplies consisting of lime, sand, gravel, dynamite detonators, acid; purchase of empty cement barrels (in bond), horse and cart hire.

SPORTING NEWS.

FENCING.

The Victoria Club.

At a general meeting of the members of the Victoria Fencing Club recently it was decided best to take advantage of the J. B. A. A. offer of affiliation and merge the fencing club with Victoria's great athletic association. This has accordingly been done, and the fencers are now duly enrolled on the effective strength of the J. B. A. A., and are taking their regular practices at the association gymnasium. Captain Davidson has kindly consented to act as honorary instructor until arrangements are completed by the J. B. A. A. to engage the services of a general instructor. Captain Davidson will meet the fencing class twice a week, Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7 o'clock. Members of the J. B. A. A. who wish to take up the study of fencing have now a very good opportunity.

BASKETBALL.

The Y. M. C. A. and the James Bay Intermediate basketball teams will play a league game this evening in the James Bay hall at 8 o'clock. The following will represent the Y. M. C. A.: Guards, G. E. Moore and G. McCracken; centre, R. McDowell; forwards, W. E. Loveridge and A. Mulcahy, H. Matthews and Sommers, reserves.

HOCKEY.

At a meeting of the Victoria Hockey Club, held last Tuesday, the following team was chosen to represent Victoria in their match against Vancouver at Vancouver on Saturday next: L. York, A. Gillespie, Ken Schofield (capt.) B. Schwengers, J. Hart, W. York, B. Tye, W. Winsby, F. Futcher, G. Gillespie and A. Maclean.

AFTER A POPULAR NOVEL.

Why did the town nestle among the hills?

Why did she feel a mantling blush steal over her cheeks?

How did it happen that a strange sense of unrest swept over him?

Why was it that she swept out of the room?

Why did she never look more strangely beautiful than upon that evening?

What made him flick the ashes from his cigarette?

How long did her heart stand still?

Who deserted the ballroom, and why?

Why did the cool wind that fanned their cheeks feel so good?

Why did it seem to her as if all the light had gone out of her young life?

What made the house stiller than death that night?

When confronted by the lawyers, why was he visibly affected?

Why was she the life of the whole gathering when her heart told her that all was lost?

Why did the dog look up at that moment and wag his tail, as if he, too, understood her?

What choked his utterance?

What made her look back on that day all the rest of her life?

Why was there a long pause?

Why were her hands so nerveless when she let the telegram drop?

What made her suspect that he had been drinking? —Tom Masson in Life.

Provincial Legislature

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ince. As long as the present regime remains in power at Ottawa there was no chance for him personally attaining the honor of a place on the British Columbia bench.

Mr. Henderson—Hear, hear. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Wilson—Probably the hon. member from Yale would prefer to see me remain where I am than be on the bench?

Mr. Henderson—Just so. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Wilson, continuing, pointed out other important matters dealt with in the bill.

The bill was read a second time, and will be committed at the next sitting of the House. Hon. Mr. Wilson will consider Mr. Henderson's suggestion that the recommendations be printed.

POLICE REGULATION ACT.

Hon. Mr. Wilson moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the proper management of jails and for the organization, management and discipline of the provincial police force. He explained at considerable length the aims of the measure, showing the importance of having properly qualified deputies throughout the province.

The bill was read a second time and was committed forthwith, Mr. Paterson in the chair.

The following are some of the principal points in the bill:

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, appoint a fit and proper person to be superintendent of police within the province, and such superintendent shall also be the inspector of jails and reformatories within the province; and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and remove chief constables and define their powers and territorial jurisdiction.

The Lieutenant-Governor is empowered to make rules for the management of jails, etc., the rules to be posted conspicuously, so that prisoners can read the same. Any J. P. in the absence of the regular constable, may appoint special constables. The superintendent or government agent within their jurisdiction, have power to suspend summarily any jailer. The superintendent has power at all times to enter any jail and examine everything therein. No spirituous or fermented liquors or tobacco are to be admitted for the use of convicts, except under the jail regulations.

Mr. Drury complained that reformatories were not brought within the scope of the Act.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said the superintendent had power of inspection of reformatories.

Mr. Drury thought he should have power to suspend or dismiss reformatory officials if necessary.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that the whole matter was covered in section 3, which defined the duties of the superintendent, and showed that there he was to be inspector of reformatories.

Hon. Mr. Wilson referred Mr. Drury to the statutes where the whole matter is dealt with fully.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments. To be considered at next sitting of the House.

FISH TRAPS

Hon. Mr. McBride asked that the debate on the fish traps be laid over until next Tuesday. He had the consent of Mr. Hall in the mater. So agreed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act was laid over until today.

The House adjourned shortly after 4 p. m., until 2 p. m. today.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. Paterson, on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Has a sum of money been granted or promised for the purpose of constructing a shed at Ganges Harbor?
2. If so, how much?
3. Have government employees been instructed to build said shed?
4. Who applied for said grant?
5. Have all workmen in the Islands constituency been paid for work done previous October, 3, 1903?

Mr. Oliver, on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Premier:

1. Is Mr. J. J. Johnston, of New Westminster, in the employ of the government?
2. If so, in what capacity and at what remuneration?
3. How long has Mr. Jonhston been in the government employ?
4. Is the Rev. Mr. Vert of New Westminster, in the employ of the government?
5. If so, in what capacity and at what remuneration?
6. How long has Mr. Vert been in the government employ in his present position?
7. Has Mr. Vert been employed by the government in other than his present position at any time since June 1st last?
8. If so, in what capacity, and what has been his remuneration?
9. Is it the intention of the government to supercede Mr. Johnston by appointing Mr. Vert to the position now occupied by Mr. Johnston?
10. If so, does the government consider Mr. Vert competent to fill the position?

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Cameron asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

What was the amount received for the year ending June 30th, 1903, under each of the following heads, in Victoria and in Vancouver: Revenue Tax, Income Tax, Personal Property Tax, Probate Fees, Succession Fees, Marriage Licenses?

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:

	Victoria.	Vancouver.
Revenue Tax	$11,133 00	$14,061 00
Income Tax	*15,453 90	6,341 41
Personal Prop. Tax	22,769 74	20,070 45
Probate Fees	3,773 17	1,127 92
Succession Fees	3,737 05	1,017 30
Marriage Licenses	1,310 00	1,720 00

*In the amount derived from income tax in Victoria is included the income tax paid by insurance companies, amounting to $6,652.37.

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Northbound Leave.	Daily. A. M.	Southbound Arrive. P. M.	Northbound Leave.	Sat., Sun. & Wed. P. M.	Southb'nd Arrive. P. M.
Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
Arv. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00	Ar. Wellington	7:03	Lv. 3:06

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CROWS DOING GREAT DAMAGE

Farmers in Districts Around Victoria Complain of Serious Losses.

Crows are doing enormous damage to the farmers' grain crops all round Victoria, and the matter has assumed proportions so serious that desperate remedies are suggested. The farmers had no sooner got their fall wheat sown than great clouds of crows dived in the fields and proceeded to scratch and dig for the grain. In some cases so systematic have been the operations of the corvine thieves been that scarcely a single grain remains in the fields, and the farmers have had to sow them all over again.

One farmer resorted to the extreme remedy of putting down poisoned meat. This had the effect of destroying many scores of the pests, but, unfortunately, also the farmer's faithful dogs.

The number of the crows is amazing. They fly in masses, and can strip a field as bare as bones in an astonishingly short time. Their boldness and cunning are also wonderful; they know the difference between a stick and a gun perfectly; and if it happens to be a stick that is handling the gun, the black beggars actually seem to know that, too; for they just cooly flutter out of range, and when the bad gunner has blazed away they hop back cackling and cawing with a medley of sounds evidently like the cachination of a gang of old gamekeepers taking their fun off a city tenderfoot dirtying his hammerless Greener for the first time.

It cannot be too generally known that the government now pays a bounty for dead crows, and that there is money in slaughtering those destructive pests. Any good shot with a decent rook rifle could bowl over a dozen of the birds in the close neighborhood of the city any day. The Horticultural society gave this matter of destruction by crows their most serious consideration at their last general meeting here, and it was decided then to offer bounty for destruction of crows.

Ornithologists say that for most of the predatory birds there is something to be said in extenuation, but less for the crow than any of them. He is a graceless scamp, whose usefulness has yet to be learned; he is the terror of the farmers and the orchardist's life, and the damage he can inflict upon the agricultural and horticultural interests of the province in one season is incalculable, but very great.

Were corbie an edible fowl the difficulty about him would quickly disappear, but even then he is the quintessence of the odious—to eat crow pie is to plumb humiliation's drab abyss; even a dog at starvation's latest gasp might well turn up his dying nose, (and toes) at crow as a pick-me-up. The crows must go—delenda est corrus.

PERSONALS.

E. J. Coyle, general passenger agent of the Western division of the C. P. R., came down from Vancouver yesterday evening and registered at the Driard.

J. H. Greer and Ed. Greer were passengers from Vancouver by the Charmer last night.

Alex. McDermott and wife returned yesterday evening from Vancouver.

W. A. Anderson returned from the Mainland yesterday evening.

Col. Boswell and Mrs. Boswell were passengers on the Charmer from the Mainland yesterday evening.

W. McGirr, representing the Kuntz Cigar Manufacturing Co., of Vancouver, is in the city on a business visit.

Capt. Amesbury, of Vancouver, came down on the Charmer last evening.

The Misses Woodrow were passengers on the Charmer from Vancouver last evening.

Canon Paddon returned yesterday on the Iroquois and Victoria & Sidney railway from a visit to the Islands district.

Mr. William McNeill, who recently resigned the position of Assistant to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, arrived here from Victoria yesterday morning, and is registered at the Hotel Vancouver, says the News-Advertiser. Mr. McNeill has accepted and important position with an Eastern Company which is largely interested in this province and which intends to increase its interests here. Mr. McNeill leaves for the East today to interview the principals and expects to be away about a month.

The many friends of Mr. C. F. Williams, representing the Robt. Ralston Co., of Hamilson, Ont., will be pleased to learn that he has nearly recovered from a bad attack of illness.

Mr. Thos. Sullins and sister, returned to Port Townsend last evening; also Mr. La Planta.

Dr. Quinlan arrived on the noon train yesterday and registered at the Hotel Victoria.

Dr. Quinlan, Ladysmith; E. F. Brown, E. Seuegel, New York; A. Maxwell, Spokane; W. H. Collins, Tacoma; Daniel Reeff, San Francisco; Chas. Peyton, Chicago; C. W. Beals, Mrs. E. E. Stedham, Seattle; W. E. Norris, Vancouver; G. A. Copeman, Calgary; John Peck, New Westminster, are registered at the Victoria hotel.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Jan. 13.—The inert stock market today seemed to reflect no development in affairs, but the stagnation of the market itself was attributed to the Far Eastern situation. In the absence of speculative demand for loans, the offering on call money became so large today as to suggest an early stage of plethora in the money supply. This abundance of money still signally fails to attract any demand for securities, either of stocks or bonds.

Only a handful of minor stocks moved widely today, with rather palpable evidences of manipulation to account for the movements. The same time there was a conspicuous falling off in the rate of activity of the few prominent stocks which have made up the bulk of the dealings in the recent dull markets, such as Amalgamated Copper, Pennsylvania and United States Steel preferred. Influence on the market is exerted by the large amount of railroad borrowings hanging over the market, and which are competently estimated at about $300,000,000.

Prices today gravitated to a lower level from sheer inanition and the closing was on the down grade.

Bonds moved narrowly and irregularly. Total sales par value, $1,965,000. United States Steel registered ¾ per cent on the last call.

New York, Jan. 13.—Prime mercantile paper, 5 per cent; sterling exchange, steady at advance at $4.85.50 for demand, and at $4.82.30 to $4.82.40 for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.83 to $4.86; commercial bills, $4.82; bar silver, 58⅝; Mexican dollars, 45; government bonds, easier; railroad bonds, irregular; money on call, easy at 1¾ to 2½ per cent; ruling rates, 2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; time loans, easy at 4 to 4½ per cent for all dates.

New York, Jan. 13.— Copper, firm at $12.75 to $13; pig iron, quiet; Northern, $13.50 to $16; Southern, $12.25 to $14.25; lead, firm at $4.45 to $4.55; tin, quiet; straits, $29.25 to $29.50; plates, market quiet; spelter, easy; domestic, $5.05.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The following were the closing bids on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, Jan., 83½; May, 87¼; July, 81⅞; Sept., 78⅛. Corn, Jan., 44⅛; May, 47⅞ to 48; July, 47¼; Sept., 46¾. Oats, Jan., 37⅜; May, 40½; July, 36¼; Sept., 32¾ to 32⅞.

London, Jan. 13.—Consols for money, 87⅝; consols for account, 87¾.

New York, Jan. 13.—Lead, $4.25.

London, Jan. 13.—Lead, £11.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: J. H. Greer, W. C. C. Thompson, Ed. Greer, P. Vendervill, A. McDermott and wife, W. A. Anderson, Miss Muir, Wm. Muir, H. D. McKillan, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Boswell, Col. Boswell, Miss Cochrane, Mr. Rebuck, J. Kingstead, D. A. McQoing, J. Weir, W. McGirr, Mrs. Robelon, G. Paine and wife, Mrs. Green, Mrs. O. G. Steadham, W. E. Morris, J. W. Berry, C. W. Balls, W. R. Hull and wife, Capt. Amesbury, C. A. Knight, J. Peck, C. Garwood, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Grant, E. Grant, Mrs. W. J. Cook, Miss Woodrow, Miss R. Woodrow, S. T. Lucas, S. Johnson, J. C. Stevens, J. H. Barker, G. Copeland, E. J. Coyle, C. H. Gibbons, J. Holder and wife, J. Trotter, J. C. Butterfield, Miss N. Perry, F. Tukmar, Mr. and Mrs. Macauley, D. P. Reder, D. E. Jarvis, A. M. Collins, H. Wright, E. L. Newbery, J. McDonald, Victor Verrel and wife, C. Austins, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Marshall, A. L. Kappelle, F. H. Day, General Kinchant, Mrs. Austin, G. Wilkinson, J. Tsherwood, J. Rattray, Miss Coyle, F. Mooney, C. Thomas, R. Cassidy, R. Davidson, Miss Cameron, Miss P. Frayne, W. McInes, E. Dewdney, Dan Butler, C. G. Johnson, C. C. McCauley and wife, S. Tytler, D. P. Marpole and wife, E. A. Morris, R. McLehan, J. M. Gardhouse and wife, Miss Carne, D. Y. Mott, Mrs. C. W. West, Mr. McCartney and wife, J. Fowler, J. H. Christie and wife.

Passengers per steamer Iroquois from Island ports: J. Aiken, J. W. Dean, Mrs. Dean, Canon Paddon, E. L. Paddon, J. Knight, A. Walter, J. Rattanbury.

CONSIGNEES.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Jan. 13.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure continues high over the North Pacific States and low over British Columbia, where weather conditions are unsettled and threatening. Moderate rain has fallen on the coast and the districts of the Straits, and temperatures west of the Cascades are generally mild. Southerly gales continue on the outside coast. In the Northwest fair cold weather prevails with occasional light snowfall in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	49
New Westminster	42	48
Kamloops	34	40
Barkerville	28	32
Calgary	16	48
Winnipeg	..	6
Portland, Ore.	52	54
San Francisco	46	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh southerly winds, continued unsettled with rain and lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, stronger on straits, unsettled with rain and probably colder.

TUESDAY, JAN. 12.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	37	Mean	46
Noon	49	Highest	55
5 p.m.	55	Lowest	37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows.

5 a.m. ..... 2 miles north.
Noon ..... 16 miles southeast.
5 p.m. ..... 24 hours southwest.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.
Rain—.76 inches.
Sunshine—54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.088
Corrected.....30.126

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....30.04

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean	47
Noon	48	Highest	49
5 p.m.	48	Lowest	46

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 4 miles southwest.
Noon ..... 2 miles southeast.
5 p.m. ..... 8 miles east.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.
Rain—.62 inches.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.022
Corrected.....30.049

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.94

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

Municipal Elections 1904.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cormorant street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for the election as Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Estate in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a housholder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed poser and seconder, and shall be delivered by two voters of the Municipality as proto the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

Municipal Election Meetings

Public Meetings will be held by the candidates for the Mayoralty at the following times and places:

North Ward School, Monday, January 11th
Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, January 12th.

All other candidates are invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

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Distress Signals Not Displayed

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the tug had taken the vessel in tow. The tug Sea Lion came and Capt. Roberts asked her master to tell the Holyoke to stop towing the Clallam. A few minutes after the Clallam gave a lurch and turned over on her side.

There were no signals of distress displayed on the steamer Clallam, until dusk when a small lamp was hoisted half way up the foremast. About four o'clock a steamer passed not more than a mile away, which he was told was bound to Victoria. This was after the boats had been launched. No effort was made to attract the attention of that vessel by those on the Clallam. During the whole of the afternoon, up to the time the Clallam went down he had not heard Capt. Roberts given any orders. Just as the steamer was sinking, Capt. Roberts said, "Keep, cool, boys." No effort was made to transfer the passengers to the tug. He heard a member of the passengers ask Capt. Roberts to transfer them to the tug when it came to the assistance of the Clallam, but did not hear what Capt. Roberts said in reply. He thought passengers could have been transferred to the tug without difficulty. Capt. Roberts and officers appeared to have all on board under control. There was no panic or disorder.

W. LePlant of San Juan, whose brother, with his wife and child were among the lost, will be called this morning to give evidence in regard to the disaster.

"SEARCHING ENQUIRY."

Ordered to Take Place by the United States' Inspectors.

Captains Collister and Thompson, of this city, inspectors of hulls and of boilers, have been invited to attend an enquiry into the Clallam disaster to be held at Seattle, commencing on Monday. The following letter has been sent to the local inspectors at Seattle by Capt. John Birmingham, the United States supervising inspector of steam vessels, regarding the Clallam:

"Messrs. Whitney and Turner, United States Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels, Seattle, Wash.—Sirs: In view of the recent disaster which carried to the bottom the steamer Clallam and drowned, as reported, fifty-four of her passengers, it behooves you to examine very closely the condition of all steam vessels plying in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"From the news we get it appears that the Clallam disaster was brought about by the giving way of a deadlight, possibly a shutter having a deadlight in it in her side, above her main deck. Be that as it may, her loss indicates that none but the stanchest vessels should be employed in those waters. The public, as well as the government, naturally look to you for a searching investigation in the case of the Clallam, which it appears was only six months old."

"British Columbia, and especially Victoria, so many of whose residents were victims, is directly concerned in the investigation," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The Clallam carried the official approval as to her safety and seaworthiness, not only of the local marine inspectors but those of Victoria and British Columbia as well. There has been much adverse criticism emanating from the British Columbia press, some of the papers going so far as to openly censure both boards of inspectors and the officers and owners of the Clallam.

"Discussing the inquiry, Capt. Whitney said yesterday: 'It begins Monday, and will be searching. Everybody who knows anything about the terrible disaster will be given an opportunity to testify. We cannot compel passengers to testify, but I request all survivors to come forward and tell what they know.

"'As to the officers, we have the right to subpoena them and compel their attendance, but such a course will not have to be pursued. The officers and crew, so far as we know, are all willing to come forward and tell what they know.

"'The law gives us the authority to subpoena any licensed officer, no matter whether he was on the Clallam or with some other craft.

"'We were not able to fix the date of the investigation until today. Some of the principal witnesses hastened to their homes in other cities and nearby towns as soon as they arrived here, and these must be given time to return and testify.

"'Our board is especially anxious to have Captains Collister and Thompson, the British Columbia marine inspectors, attend, as they also inspected and passed the Clallam as a perfectly seaworthy boat. They are directly interested, and we propose to give them an opportunity to hear all of the testimony.'"

Capt. S. B. Gibbs, surveyor and agent for the Marine Underwriters' Association for Puget Sound, made a thorough inspection of the Clallam while she was in this port fitting out to go into commission.

"I certainly pronounced the Clallam a seaworthy boat. If she was not I never saw one. She presented every evidence of strength in construction. I made numerous voyages on her and always regarded her as safe a vessel as there was on the Sound."

MAKES A STATEMENT.

What Captain Roberts Says in Regard to the Criticism.

Capt. Roberts, of the Clallam, is virtually wrecked in mind and body over the catastrophe. He remains at his home in Seattle as much as it is possible for him to do, and even when he does enter the offices of the company he represents, he sits with bowed head. For the past twenty-nine years he has been connected with vessels on the Sound and Pacific waters, and this is the first serious accident he has ever had.

Let alone the fact that the loss of life was appalling, the Clallam was almost his life, and his business associates say that his love for the ship almost passed understanding. Captain Roberts is loath to discuss the calamity. He has said this, however: "I realize I made mistakes, and yet I did what my judgment and common sense told me to do. When a captain of a boat steps on his craft the life of every man, woman and child aboard lies in the hollow of his hand. By that I mean, should the worst come to the worst, upon the captain's shoulders the blame must fall.

"I have never taken charge of a ship in my life that I didn't think of that as I stepped on board. And then, too, as I see the women and little ones on deck, I think of my own wife and baby, and I want to tell you, in spite of appearances, a captain never has a really easy moment until the voyage is over and all hands, ship and cargo are safe.

"As far as the Clallam was concerned, she was the pride of my life. My money helped to build her. She had carried me to safety so many times that it is hard even now to realize that she is gone. She was a staunch little craft. She must have been to have kept afloat as long as she did. She fought the waves as long as there was a plank left of her, and even then the break of day saw her pilot house still afloat.

"And now for my explanation of the affair. I thought for a time we could make Victoria. When I found we were unable to do that, my first thought was for the safety of the women and children. The shore was only a little way off. I knew that by the time assistance reached us we might be miles away from land. We had to go with the wind and tide and they combined were taking us rapidly away from shore. I knew it was next to impossible to sink a lifeboat such as we had on board, and, thinking as I did, that the Clallam was likely to sink at any moment, my best judgment was to put the women and children in boats, man the craft carefully and let them make shore if possible. They were all supplied with life-preservers and that plan was carried out.

"It is true the Clallam stayed up for ten hours after we had launched the small boats into the sea. But at the time they left us I thought she would go down at any moment. I doubt, however, if any more lives would have been saved even had the women remained on board until the end. Suppose I had not launched the small boats, wouldn't people be saying, 'Why didn't you send the women away in the lifeboats while you were so near the shore?'

"My God, man," said the captain, with tears in his eyes, "do you think it wasn't maddening for me to stand on the deck of my own ship and see innocent women and children fighting for their lives in the waves?

"I had my duty to perform toward the passengers, the boat and the company I represented. I tried to do that duty. I did the best I could. My judgment and sense made me do what I did. I must stand or fall by the result and am willing to do so. That is all I care to say; all, in fact, I can say."

LARGE ACTION.

Receiver Appointed for Pacific Steel Co., Because of Swaney's Death.

The first legal action which comes as a result of the wreck of the Clallam was begun yesterday at Seattle, when the First National Bank secured the appointment of a receiver to care for the interests of the Pacific Steel Company, of which Homer H. Swaney, who lost his life in the wreck, was the active head. M. J. Carrigan, who was intimately associated with Swaney in the conduct of the concern's affairs was named as receiver, and his bond was fixed at $5,000, which he promptly gave.

The petition for the receiver was made by Lester Turner, president of the First National Bank, to which the company is indebted in the sum of $23,000. Turner set forth in his application that the company owns blast furnaces, 320 acres of land, several coke ovens and other property situated in Jefferson county, and that it had, during the past year, borrowed considerable money with which to conduct and enlarge its operations. Arrangements had been made by President Swaney, through Eastern capitalists, to secure large sums of money with which to further the plans of the company, but many of its plans were not perfected at the time of Swaney's death.

For fear that minor creditors would attack the property and cause it to be dissipated, the bank requested that a receiver be appointed in the interests of all concerned until such a time as the company can recover from the effects of Swaney's sudden taking off. The petitioner recommended M. J. Carrigan as peculiarly well fitted for the position on account of his intimate knowledge of the company's affairs, and the court promptly named him as receiver.

CAUSED RECEIVERSHIP.

To Be Appointed for Sound Mining Companies.

At the instance of Henry Hewitt, jr., Henry Bucey was apopinted receiver of the Washington Co-operative Mining Company and also the Montezuma Mining Company. Col. Charles W. Thompson, who lost his life in the Clallam disaster, was president of both companies. The proceedings of Mr. Hewitt were of a friendly character, brought by the good will of both the companies, and there will be no fight made against the receivership.

Mr. Hewitt states that he brought the suit to protect his interests. Some time ago, according to the petition, he loaned the two companies $15,000. It is understood that the properties of both of the companies will probably shortly be sold, there having been a good offer recently made to the stockholders. The Montezuma company owns valuable copper mines on the north slope of Mount Rainier, and the silver and gold mine in the vicinity of Fairfax. The Washington Co-operative company's holdings consist of coal lands near Fairfax and in the vicinity of Carbonado.

APPEALS TO PRESIDENT.

Seattle Man Asks Roosevelt to Arrange More Stringent Laws.

Following the disaster to the steamer Clallam, J. E. Walton, of Seattle, says he has taken steps to call the attention of the government at Washington to the condition of the steamers on Puget sound, says a Seattle despatch. He appeals to President Roosevelt and the legislative bodies for stringent laws relative to passenger steamers, for better protection of human life in event of wrecks and fires.

Following is a part of the communication he has addressed to the President, the senate and house of representatives: "We have not today a steamer carrying passengers that has safe lifeboats. What we need is a lifeboat so arranged that when a wave washes over it the boat will drain itself, the same as the life-saving stations. Solid, air-tight, compartments, made out of material that will not rust out, with portholes to drain any water that may enter the boat, with lashing riggings to lash every passenger in, so the waves cannot wash them overboard.

"I would also suggest that the fire drill rules be more stringently enforced and that one be held every day. This is seldom done. I have made two round trips to Nome and have never seen a fire drill. This would educate the people, prevent excitement and give the captain better command over those on board the vessel in the event of fire or wreck."

FOUND WRECKAGE.

Tug Magic Returns From Cruise With Relics of Wreck.

The tug Magic, on a recent search, Captain Harris found no bodies, but a large amount of wreckage. The tug had been commissioned by the Alaska Steamship Company to make the search. Along Lopez island from Southwest island to Richardson a large amount of wreckage was found, including doors, windows, railing, hatch stanchions, etc., but no bodies were found. The people at Richardson had found much wreckage, but no bodies.

The tug searched Friday harbor to San Juan point and other shores in the vicinity, finding many pieces of wreckage. The pilot house and texas of the unfortunate steamer was found in Mitchell's bay. Four life preservers were found on the shores of San Juan island, one of them was smeared with blood. From Friday harbor the Magic came here.

THE FREIGHT LIST.

What Was Lost From the Wrecked Steamer Clallam.

The list of consignees of the cargo jettisoned from the steamer Clallam, with the values of the goods thrown overboard in the hope of lightening the steamer, is as follows:

One case of metal buttons, Lenz & Leiser, value $40; one case of copper rivets, Lenz & Leiser, $100; sack of brass goods, C. J. Reid & Co., $4; one case, C. J. Reid & Co., $6; 31 barrels butter, R. P. Rithet & Co., $1,100; 2 boxes of armature cells, B. C. Electric Railway Co., $121; 5 cases roast beef, R. P. Rithet & Co., $11; 114 cases canned sausage, F. R. S. & Co., $200; 5 barrels beef, Simon Leiser & Co., $57; 5 cases bacon, S. Leiser & Co., $35; 10 cases hams, J. H. Todd & Son, $459; 16 cases of pickled pork, B. Wilson & Co., $459; case of bacon, J. H. Todd & Son, $54; 5 bales of cotton goods, P. McQuade, $31; 24 bales of mattresses, Weiler Bros., $262; case of rubber packing Wellington Colliery Co., $39; 140 cases empty kegs and one bundle bungs, $38; and 500 sacks of oilcake, Brackman & Ker, $675.

In the shape of express matter there was aboard one package of steel strips for B. Carruthers & Co., valued at $5; one package of leaf press, for G. Osterhout, $1; one package band leather for J. A. Sayward, $2.16; one box of glassware, for Chas. Haggerty, $1.50; package of gold coins for Yuen Chung & Co., $105; one package of gold coin for Wah Yuen, $20; one sack for N. P. Ex. agent, $497; one crate, G. W. Edwards; one package for British Soap Works, $1.60; one package news, O. B. Ormond, $2.25; one package news for A. H. Knight, $3.25; one package news for A. E. Edwards, $2.69; 2 pails of oysters for H. E. Levy, $8.00; 2 pails of oysters for Brown & Co., $15; one package for G. Knight, $2; one package for C. A. Haynes, $6.80; one package for P. J. Gaglett, $3; package of brushes for J. Miller & Co., $2; one package for the Colonist, $13.75; and one package for messenger service, $3.

About all that was saved was the package of gold consigned to Yuen Chung & Co., and a second package of gold consigned to Wah Yuen, which the purser, F. C. Freer, succeeded in securing at the last moment before the Clallam sank.

NOTES.

Edward Lockwood, freight clerk of the Clallam, numbered among those lost, was born in England, but came to this country and to this coast many years ago. Since reaching the age of 20 years, he followed the sea. For five years he was with the Canadian Pacific on the Empress boats, running between Vancouver and the Orient, and for the succeeding four and one-half years he was a purser with Dodwell & Co., on all of the Northern Pacific liners, the Olympia, the Victoria and the Tacoma. He gave up the trans-Pacific run because of ill health and making his home in Seattle he obtained employment on various Sound boats. He was freight clerk on the Majestic and about five weeks ago transferred to a similar position on the Clallam. He was married four years ago and the widow survives at the family residence in Seattle.

Among the victims of the Clallam disaster was a French woman whose name was not included on the passenger list, or the lists of those missing. She was a woman of the under world, known as Juliette. She had left Victoria some weeks ago taking with her a rug that had been stolen from the hack of Woods, a local hackman and sold to her. She had been ordered to return the rug and was bringing it back to Victoria, when both she and the rug were lost in the disaster to the Clallam.

Yesterday Constables Best and Fry, both mounted and provided with marine glass patrolled the beach, to search for victims of the disaster.

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Kidneys and Liver Affected by Colds

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Provincial Legislature

Routine Busines Occupies Most of the Time of the House.

Debate on Supply Will Begin at Tomorrow's Sitting of the Legislature.

Supreme Court and Provincial Police Regulation Acts Are Discussed.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayers by the Rev. S. S. Osterhout.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. Speaker drew attention to a typographical error in the votes and proceedings of the previous day in which in reference to amounts paid to newspapers for advertising delinquent tax sales, the Rossland Miner is credited with receiving $1 a line. It should be ten cents.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Ross (Fernie) presented the petition of L. M. Proctor and others, asking amendments to the Steam Boiler Inspection Act.

Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cotton presented the report of the select standing committee on private bills, which was as follows:

Legislative Committee Room,
January 13th, 1904.

Mr. Speaker,—Your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders, beg leave to report as follows:

That the standing orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with:

No. 5.—The Coast-Yukon railway.

No. 4.—The Vancouver Insurance Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

MOTIONS.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time and placed on the orders for reading at next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. Wilson, a bill intituled "An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts."

Hon. Mr. McBride, a bill intituled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, a bill intituled "An Act for the Protection of Deer upon Vancouver Island.'

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Tanner asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. How many lessees of timber lands are in arrears on account of their leases?

2. What amounts are owing by each lessee?

3. What steps, if any, have the government taken to enforce payment?

4. When did the government take action?

Hon. Mr. Green replied:

1. 19.

2.—

B.C. Land & Investment Co. Ltd.	$ 1,413 90
Harrison River M. Tim. & Td. Co	17 00
Andrew Haslam	2,096 15
Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co.	179 55
Brunette Sawmill Co.	2,582 40
North Pacific Lumber Co	928 00
G. O. Buchanan	426 00
Davies-Sayward M. & Ld. Co. Lt	1,069 00
Nelson Sawmill Co.	960 00
F. Seaman	280 00
Toronto & B. C. Lbr. Co.	19,107 60
Bank of B. N. A., Victoria	2,112 00
Pacific Coast Lumber Co.	1,179 00
Hamilton Lbr. & Mfg. Co., Ltd	3,736 80
J. M. MacKinnon and W. R. Robertson	9,282 60
Bank of B. N. A., Vancouver	339 10
John Hanbury	429 75
A. Barnett	124.80
A. J. Keith	1,386 80

The above amounts represent the rentals payable in advance to the respective dates of the leases in 1904.

3. A demand for payment is made every six months. The last demand was made in July, 1903.

Notices requesting payent or arrears are again being prepared now.

Mr. Drury asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. What aount of debentures have been issued and sold under the Treasury Debenture Act, 1903, and to whom sold?

2. What price was obtained for said debentures?

3. What were the numbers of the debentures sold?

4. At what rate of interest were they issued?

5. Was any commission paid or promised on the sale of said debentures, and, if so, the amount of commission, and to whom paid?

6. How were the moneys realized applied?

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:

1. $1,000,000 sold to three Canadian life insurance companies; debentures will not be issued until 1st of March, 1904.

2. Par

3. 1 to 1,000 inclusive.

4. 5 per cent per annum.

5. No.

6. Money will not be received until after date of issue—1st March, 1904.

HIS HONOR'S SPEECH.

The consideration of the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the House was then taken up.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved, seconded by the Premier, that supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House meet on Friday next as a commitee of the whole to consider the same.

Mr. Oliver objected, saying that this was not the customary mode of procudure.

The Premier pointed out that this had been the custom of the House for many years. There was no intention on the part of the government to take any advantage.

Mr. Oliver then occupied a great deal of the time of the House discussing the particularities of forms and rules necessary to observe.

The motion was eventually, after some further discussion, carried.

PUBLIC BILLS.

The following bills reported from committee were read a third time and passed.

An Act to amend the Coal Tax Act, 1900. Hon. Minister of Finance.

An Act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902. Hon. Minister of Finance.

An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds. Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

An Act to amend the Sale of Goods Act. Hon. Attorney-General.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS BILL.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Provincial Elections Act was then resumed, the bill read a second time and to be committed next sitting of the House.

MECHANICS' LIEN ACT.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) moved that the adjourned debate on the Mechanics' Lien Act amendment stand over. Agreed.

HORTICULTURAL BOARD ACT.

The House went into adjourned committee of the whole on the Horticultural Board Act, Mr. Murphy in the chair. In the absence of Mr. Tanner, who had moved the adjournment, the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

SUPREME COURT ACT.

Hon. Mr. Wilson moved the second reading of the Supreme Court Act, and briefly explained the proposed amendments, pointing out the great importance of the proper administration of justice. It was a subject of the most vast importance. He had received from the judges a number of memoranda bearing on this bill, and hoping that they should be fully considered by the House. The bill contained some new matter, some of them of an important character. One of the suggestions was that there should be no direction from the judge to the jury as to the exercise of their functions. Although a Conservative and viewing all subjects in a more or less conservative spirit, he did not believe in carrying the principle to extremes. He would not advocate the retention of usage on account merely of its antiquity, but on account of the inherent merit of it. He then went on to point out the difficulties connected with judges and juries. The matter of residence of judges was then dealt with, and he drew attention to the extraordinary position of the city of Vancouver, which had difficulty in getting judges to reside there; the judges preferring to live in Victoria. He did not blame them, as residence in this city was provocative of somnolent calm and peacefulness of soul which would be hard to attain midst the rush and bustle of a great commercial centre. (Laughter.) He then dealt with the appointment of judges, and held with those who approved of judges being appointed from the bar of this prov-

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